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Miss Madison selling assets but still plans to race in 2025

BY BOB DEMAREE
Miss Madison Racing Team's assets are being sold but Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said Wednesday that the sale will not mark the end of the Miss Madison Racing.
"Miss Madison Inc. is committed to racing an unlimited hydroplane next year at the 2025 Madison Regatta," the mayor said. Courtney met with the Miss Madison board of directors Tuesday and again on Wednesday. Just three hours before the Wednesday meeting, Courtney said "the city is opposed to the transaction and we're making that known."
But after that meeting on Wednesday afternoon he said the sale appears to be a done deal.
"Unfortunately, the board had previously authorized the sale of Miss Madison's assets. I think they did so with a lot of thought and gravity relative the future of Miss Madison," said Courtney. "The focus of today's conversation was the inability to reverse that transaction. Our discussion was about the future of Miss Madison. There will be a Miss Madison racing boat at the Madison Regatta next year, and we'll be working with the board to be sure that happens, and to essentially engineer a new future of Miss Madison."

Citing the need for "greater city involvement and also a connection with Madison Regatta," Courtney has positioned himself to be directly involved in the racing team by appointing himself and Madison Regatta President Kyle Bipes to the 10-member

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Visit Madison Inc. Executive Director Andrew Forrester took Madison's new trolley for a ride around the block late Wednesday morning. The trolley, which previously operated in Baltimore, arrived in Madison on Tuesday.

New trolley arrives to enhance visitor, resident experiences

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Visit Madison and the City of Madison have taken delivery of a new Madison Trolley that will be used to facilitate visitor and resident experiences throughout the year.
Visit Madison Inc. purchased the vehicle with grant funds and is donating the trolley to the City of Madison for registration and maintenance.
The 30-passenger vehicle that arrived this week was purchased from a private company in Baltimore, is five years old and has less than 20,000 miles of service. The Visit Madison Board of Directors approved a down payment in August with final payment in October. Hometown company Mason & Melford Inc. provided transportation to Madison, picking it up on Monday and delivering on Tuesday.
"We are so excited to take this step with a new trolley. This trolley

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Engineering work approved for Damon Welch Park

BY BOB DEMAREE
The remaking of Damon Welch Park is moving forward after Madison's Redevelopment Commission last week approved a contract with Jacobi Toombs and Lanz Engineers to begin engineering work.
"We hope to go to bid and secure final funding in the first quarter of 2025 with construction next summer," said Tony Steinhardt III, the city's economic development director.
Formerly named Jaycee Park, the property is located east of the Cotton Mill Fairfield Inn and Suites, and surrounds the area underneath the Milton-Madison Bridge along Vaughn Drive.
Steinhardt said Damon Welch Park, named after the former mayor (2012-2019), has been a priority of Mayor Bob Courtney's administration and is part of the city's parks master plan. "This is an important park on our riverfront and our largest downtown park," he said.
In addition to developing Damon Welch Park, Steinhardt said the project will address parking for the Fairfield Inn that is "having great success. They have expanded already with investing nearly \$1 million in the Picker House" and a former front office building for more meeting space. "That is precipitating some additional parking needs. We will be working with them to develop some additional parking" on the west side of the park.
Steinhardt said the park will be "multi-generational" with pickleball courts, cornhole, a playground, shelter houses and public restrooms. On the west side of the bridge, there will be activities geared for teenagers including soccer, sand volleyball courts and basketball courts. "It was much desired by the Parks Department and their board to offer opportunities for teenagers," said Steinhardt.
Redevelopment Commission President John Grote said, "I just want to say — great job to you and the leadership for investing in places for our teenagers to hang out and do stuff. That's something lacking in our community. To have this as a future plan, that's fantastic."
Steinhardt said the park will also include a large mural under the bridge honoring artist and writer Harlan Hubbard.
He said the project will be funded with \$600,000 in grants and private dollars the city has already received. Additionally, Steinhardt said \$750,000 in funding will be requested from the Redevelopment Commission.
"This will be a great public-private partnership, great leveraging of private dollars as well as public dollars to honor our former mayor and to re-imagine our largest downtown park on the Ohio River," Steinhardt said.


CHARLIE'S BEAT

Lock making her mark on the art scene

Local Hanover student and budding artist Payton Lock enjoyed some much deserved recognition for her talents recently when she designed the new mascot costume for Hanover College. "My stepdad, Joe Lackner, works at the college, and he got me hooked up with the project," explains Payton. "The college was going through a bit of a brand refinement, updating their look and image, and they wanted the Panther to get a little refresh."
"That kind of graphic design is right up my alley, so I was very excited to tackle the project and get to be a part of the new design. And then seeing my two dimensional drawings converted to a three dimensional custom-made costume, it's been very fun and rewarding. Plus, it was a paying job!"

Payton is the daughter of Ben Lock and Jessie Lackner. She attended Shawe Memorial High School where she excelled in her art classes, and then started her college career at Franklin. For this, her sophomore year, she transferred to Hanover College. "I like the ease and convenience of being able to live at home instead of the dorm like I did at Franklin, plus I really

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Carrollton man sentenced in sexual abuse case involving a minor

Son also sentenced for tampering with evidence

BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

A Carroll County man who was charged with multiple counts of sexual abuse and sodomy involving a minor female in his home has pleaded guilty and been sentenced to serve eight years prison on each count as well as another five years probation on two counts.

RD Howard Jr., 63, of Blue Lick Road, Carrollton, was arrested in January 2023 after an adult victim came forward with

allegations that she was abused by Howard dating back to 2010 when she was under the age of 12. Howard was charged with first-degree sexual abuse, second-degree sodomy, sexual abuse in the first degree and tampering with physical evidence.

The case was investigated by Kentucky State Police and the Carroll County Prosecutor's Office. Evidence indicated that Howard sexually abused and sodomized the victim, who was a foster child in his rural home, and videoed some of the crimes using a cellphone.

Howard accepted an agreement on July 22, to plead guilty to first-degree sexual abuse and

second-degree sodomy, both Class C felonies; and sexual abuse in the first degree and tampering with physical evidence, both Class D felonies.

In open court Howard admitted to engaging in "deviate sexual intercourse" with a minor who was less than 14 years old or with an intellectual disability and later having sexual contact with a minor who was under the age of 12 years old in 2011 and then "destroyed, mutilated, concealed, removed, or altered physical evidence" that was kept on his cellphone.

Howard's sentencing hearing was held on Monday, Nov. 18, before Carroll Circuit Judge Leslie Knight, who ordered him to serve eight years on each of the Class C felonies and five years on each of the Class D felonies, all concurrent, plus an additional five years probation and \$1,165 in fines, fees and court costs. During his sentencing, Howard, who wears oxygen to assist with his breathing, sought and was denied a reduced prison sentence due to the declining condition of his health.

Howard was immediately incarcerated at the Carroll Coun-

ty Regional Detention Center in Carrollton to serve his sentence, but he could be transferred to state prison with medical facilities. His maximum release date is Nov. 5, 2032 but his parole eligibility date is June 5, 2026.

Howard's son, Joseph Howard, 27, of Carrollton, was also charged in connection with the case and pleaded guilty to Tampering With Physical Evidence, a Class D felony, for his efforts to erase videos and other evidence from phones used to record the crimes.

Joseph Howard was sentenced to five years prison and \$915 in fees and court costs. His sentence began July 24 and is scheduled to end July 21, 2029.



Joseph Howard



RD Howard

Worthville teen dies from injuries in side-by-side crash

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

A Worthville teen was killed Sunday afternoon when the side-by-side vehicle he was in wrecked in Worthville, the Owenton News-Herald has confirmed.

Ryan DaWayne Sparks, 14, a freshman at Owen County High School, died in the wreck, Owen County Coroner Mark Garnett confirmed.

Sparks, who played football for the Rebels, was riding with another person in the side-by-side when it overturned. The other person was airlifted to an area hospital but was released the following day, Garnett said.

Sparks was the son of Jonathan Sparks, of Carrollton, and Crystal Rogers, of Worthville. He is described in an obituary at Graham-Dunn Funeral Home in Carrollton, as "a bright, energetic young soul whose presence brought joy and warmth to everyone who knew him."

A dedicated athlete, family member said in his obituary that he gave his all on the football field and never missed a chance to wrestle with determination and a smile.

His family said he also had a softer side, as well.

"He loved singing at church, where his voice would lift spirits and bring comfort to others. He had a heart of gold, always looking out for his friends, offering a helping hand, a word of encouragement, or simply a listening ear.

"Ryan's zest for life

and kindness left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him. Though he may be gone from our sight, he will forever remain in our hearts."

Visitation is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Graham-Dunn Funeral Home. A funeral service is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. with burial to follow at Worthville Cemetery.

Owen County Schools Superintendent Reggie Taylor called Sparks' death "tragic."

"Words are inadequate to express our heartfelt condolences on the tragic loss of life of one of our very own," Taylor said. "Any loss is tragic but a loss of a child is even more difficult."

Taylor said the school district has made counseling available to students and staff who are trying to cope with the loss.

"In order to help support both our students and staff at Owen County High School as they cope with this tragic loss, we have made counselors available for both students and staff," Taylor said.

"They have been provided over the last couple of days, and we will continue to provide supports as needed in the days to come. Our Family Resource and Youth Service Center, along with school and district administration, has also reached out to the family to help support them during this difficult time."



Ryan DaWayne Sparks

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

November 26, 2024

Douglas Chadwick, 67, Cincinnati, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation (drug charges). Bond \$5,000 cash.

Christopher Robert Shaw, 43, Madison, on a Harrison County, Indiana, body attachment warrant, Bond \$9,112.49.

Monica R. Sloffter, 48, Hanover, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$500 cash.

Tyler Lee Wilkins, 28, Dupont, Indiana, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$10,000 cash.

November 27, 2024

Arnold Ray Anglea, 60, Austin, Indiana, on a warrant for failure to appear (drug charges). Bond \$2,000 cash.

November 28, 2024

Sidnie Maurand Hunter, 32, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Bond \$1,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

November 22, 2024

Seanna Paige Romans, 22, Madison, for Leaving the Scene of Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs and restitution in an amount to be determined.

November 25, 2024

Abel Christian Rueda, 24, Madison, for Theft and Resisting Law Enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors. Sentenced to 365 days jail on each count, concurrent, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs and

restitution to Clifty Drive Speedway in Madison.

Tyler Christian McCoy, 21, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Victor Manuel Santiago De La Cruz, 28, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 court costs.

Tiffany Marie Emery, 44, Florence, Indiana, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 2 days jail served and 178 days suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$189 in court costs.

November 26, 2024

Breanna Nicole Hensley, 28, Madison, revocation of probation for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. Defendant sentenced to serve 3 years, 350 days at the Indiana Department of

Correction, fully executed, with credit 43 days served.

Thomas Shane Mullins, 39, Madison, to amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession of Syringe, both Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the methamphetamine charge, fully executed, with credit for 382 days jail served, consecutive to 730 days for possession of the syringe, fully executed and consecutive to 60 days jail for possession of paraphernalia, served, for a total of 1,529 days prison with credit for 442 days served plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

Zachary Chase Skinner, 34, Madison, for Reckless Driving, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 180 days supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs.

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feel good about the course offerings at Hanover and how it is going to help me grow and refine my art skills," says Payton.

"Next semester I'm looking to take ceramics and painting classes, which will build on the drawing skills that I feel like are my strongest area right now. If you look at my drawings and work from high school and into college, there's a certain precise and detailed style, I guess you'd say. Very realistic and accurate to life.

"But I'm looking for my college experiences to help me grow beyond that, I want to be a little more loose and free up my style. I'm starting to explore abstract art for the first time, and maybe see where that takes me. I want to be a more complete artist, with the flexibility to express ideas in multiple ways.

"My philosophy is if you

are scared of something new or different that you haven't done before, you should go right at it and tackle it. It can only make you better and expand your horizons.

"Ultimately, my goal is to own and run my own tattoo parlor! I grew up with TV shows like Ink Master, and there's a whole energy and culture around tattoos that really appeals to me. I've already started doing some research and exploring medium size towns around the Midwest that might have a strong demand for a quality tattoo shop. I've thought about some small cities in Ohio, and I'll look at Indiana, too, of course.

But owning my own shop is still several years away. I need to get through college, learn as much as I can, and then maybe work in a shop for a while. But I have a plan, which feels good. It's nice to have a goal and work towards it. My parents and stepdad Joe have been great models for me, and they've supported me every step of the way. I'm excited to see what the future holds!



Handout

Local artist Payton Lock with her drawing of the new Hanover College mascot and the actual finished redesigned mascot suit

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:36 a.m.
Sunset: 5:22 p.m.
Temperature: High 43, Low 25, Mean 34.0, Mean 47.5, Deficit 15.1
Precipitation since last published: .55
Precipitation, November 2024: 5.41
Precipitation, 2024: 40.16
Barometer: 29.66, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 423.16, Rising
Forecast: Saturday: Mostly cloudy High 35/Low 23; Sunday: Mostly sunny High 30/Low 15; Monday: Mostly sunny High 31/Low 20; Tuesday: Mostly sunny High 33/Low 25.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 19-20-28-35-37-38 (11/27).
Next Estimated Jackpot: \$30.4 million. Next Drawing (11/30).
Cash Five: 14-17-31-33-45 (11/27)
Cash 4 Life: 17-21-25-31-47 CB: 4 (11/27)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: CB 3-8-11-12 CB 5 (11/27)
Lucky For Life: 5-16-22-25-45 LB: 15 (11/27)

MEGAMILLIONS: 5-22-24-39-42 MB: 3, MP 3 (11/26). Next Jackpot: \$514 million. Next Drawing (11/29)
POWERBALL: 1-6-7-13-40 PB: 5, PP 5 (11/27). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$214 million. Next Drawing (11/30)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 19-37-41-42-62 PB: 13 (11/27). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (11/30)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

NOVEMBER 29
Connie Sachleben
Mike Sims

NOVEMBER 30
James Edwards

DECEMBER 2
Shirley Bear

DECEMBER 3
Sara Denhart
Laura Moseley

DECEMBER 4
Beth Karst Taylor
Karen Rose VanWye

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

We tend to focus a lot on the downtown music venues in this space, and for good reason. Madison is one of the very few places, really in the entire U.S., where you can park your car in one spot and then walk between four or five, or sometimes even more, live music shows. It's very much like a downtown Nashville, Tennessee, experience but on a smaller scale, of course. But I want to take a short 2-minute drive out of downtown for a change, right up Hanging Rock Hill, to one of our newest and most musically dedicated venues, Tailgators Bar & Grill.

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Dean & Traci Hafer

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OBITUARIES

James Arnold ‘Grumpy’ Ashton

James Arnold “Grumpy” Ashton, age 63, of Milton, KY, entered this life on Feb. 23, 1961, in Greensburg, IN. He was the son of the late Mason Hubert Ashton and Mary Martha Poore Ashton. James was raised and resided most of his life in Zenas, IN, and for the past six years, he lived in Milton, KY. He had worked in farming for years with Danny Ortman as well as working in the production industry for Nemco in Westport for 10 years and for Madison Precision Products for 7 years. He was a simple man who enjoyed the simple things in life such as raising plants, and flowers, and spending time with his dogs. James died on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024, at 11:05 a.m. at his residence in Milton, KY.

James will be missed by his loving brothers, Daniel Keith Ashton and his wife Belinda of Lancaster, IN, William Leroy Ashton and his wife Joyce of Mt. Vernon, KY, and Ronald Edward Ashton of Zenas, IN; his sister, Diane Bott and her husband Ronnie of North Vernon, IN; his nieces, and nephews, Eric Ashton and his wife Candi, Sara Brown and her husband Jason, Mandy Lucas and her husband Brad, Jason



Ashton, Pat Son and his wife Anita, Kristy Poore and her husband Justin, and Bobbie Joe Stokes. He was preceded in death by his father, Mason Hubert Ashton, his mother, Mary Martha Poore Ashton Williams, his sister, Mary Etta Ashton Wright, and his nephews, Oliver and Ben Hammel. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024, at 2 p.m. by Rev. Skip Napier at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN.. Friends could visit Wednesday from 12 — 2 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lancaster Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

George Everett ‘Bud’ Davidson

George Everett “Bud” Davidson, age 85, of Lamb, IN, entered this life on Jan. 18, 1939, in Acme, IN. He was the son of the late John and Deloris Emma (Laraway) Davidson. George passed away at his home at 9:40 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones. George will be missed by his wife, Evelyn E. (Brandon) Davidson of Lamb, IN; his daughter, Georganna Ray and her husband, Troy of Vevay, IN; his step-daughter, Tammy Welch and her husband, Eric of Bennington, IN; his grandchildren, Ashley Gorrell and her husband, Josh, Alexis Carfield, Ariana Morris and her husband, Keegan, Amber Clark and her husband, Michael, Meghan Cobb and her husband, Jimmy, Juliana Welch and Colleen O’Sullivan; his great-grandchildren, Greyson Everett, Brooks, Ruby, Myles, Jaxon, Capri, Wylder, Dalton, Hudson, Hadley and Harper; his brothers, Harry Davidson and his wife, Nancy of Burlington, WI, and Jarold Davidson and his wife, Kim of Indianapolis, IN; his sisters, Janet Clark and her husband, Steve of

Seymour, IN, and Linda Hayward of Indianapolis, IN, and his several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, John Davidson; his mother, Deloris Emma (Laraway) Davidson; his infant son, George Monroe “Buddy” Davidson; his daughter, Jackie Rose Davidson; his step-son, William DeWayne “Billy” Field; his sister, Thelma LaBonty; his brother, Harold Davidson, and his brother-in-law, Johnny Hayward. “Love you more” Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, IN, 47043. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, by Pastor Mike Barnes, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery, Vevay, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Switzerland County Animal Shelter, or Charity of the Donor’s Choice. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Mary Lou ‘Tapp’ Curlin

Mary Lou (Tapp) Curlin, age 92, of Vevay, IN, entered this life on Oct. 9, 1932, on Tapp’s Ridge in Vevay, IN. Mary Lou passed away at 8:43 a.m., Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, at the Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay, IN. Mary Lou will be missed by her sons, Greg Curlin and his wife, Becky of Vevay, IN, and Douglas Curlin and his wife, Shirley of Vevay, IN; her daughter, Sue Curlin O’Banion of Vevay, IN; her grandchildren, Elizabeth Dobson and her husband, Rex, Jessica Perdue, Anthony “Tony” O’Banion, Jennifer Compan, Christopher Wheatley, Ethan Curlin, Levi Curlin, Charles Lorch and his wife, Kari, Gina Pfeifer and Sherri Kuhn; her several great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leon Tapp; her mother, Sarah E. (Darbro) Tapp; her husband, Wilbur Lee Curlin, died Aug. 15, 1993, and her daughter-in-law, Ruth Ann Lorch. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, IN, 47043. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, by Pastor Pat Lanman, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, IN, 47043. Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery, Vevay, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Keeping Pace Cancer Fund c/o CFSCI or Swiss Villa Activities Fund. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Ronald Philip ‘Phil’ Stockdale

Ronald Philip “Phil” Stockdale, age 80, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on March 26, 1944, in Jefferson County, IN. He was the loving son of the late, Lawrence Walker and Fern Margaret Flint Stockdale. He was raised in Jefferson County, and graduated in 1962, from Southwestern High School in Hanover, IN. On June 24, 1965, Phil was united in marriage to Mary Margaret Ringwald at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Madison, IN. This happy union of 59 years was blessed with daughters, Karen, Beverly, and Donna and a son, Richard. He was inducted into the United States Army on Jan. 9, 1967, serving under the 6th US Army at Fort Huachuca, AZ. He rose to the rate of Private and was transferred to the Reserves on May 17, 1967, and was honorably discharged on Dec. 28, 1971. He went to Barber School and became a licensed barber and enjoyed cutting fellow farmer’s hair in the county. He worked as a delivery man for Thompson Dairy in Madison for a short time. He retired after 40 years of service with the Indiana Kentucky Electric Corporation as a maintenance supervisor. He was raised in the New Bethel United Methodist Church and was baptized there. He attended the Prince of Peace Catholic Church with his late wife. He enjoyed membership in the IOOF Lodge. He enjoyed woodworking, bird hunting, farming, watching the grandchildren’s sports, NASCAR, playing cards, and watching sports with his late wife. Phil died on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at his home in Hanover, IN. Phil will be missed by his loving son, Richard “Rick” Stockdale and wife, Jodi of Lexington, IN; his daughters, Karen Durbin and her husband, Richard of Greenville, IN, Beverly Stockdale



of Indianapolis, IN, Donna Burchfield and her husband, Charles of Charlestown, IN; his grandchildren, Jonathan (Emily), Jackson, William, Walker, and Allison; his sister, Brenda Stockdale Zimmerman and her husband, Dick of Alpharetta, GA; his brother in law, Patrick Ringwald and his wife, Brenda of AL; his sister in law, Velma Ringwald of AL; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Walker Stockdale; his mother, Fern Margaret Flint Stockdale; his beloved wife of 59 years, Mary Margaret Ringwald Stockdale, died Oct. 7, 2024, his brother and sister in law, Lawrence Leroy Stockdale, and his wife, Bonnie. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery, 305 West State Street in Madison, IN. Friends may visit Friday from 4 — 7 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Southwestern FFA. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Kielee Jolynn Mahoney

Kielee Jolynn Mahoney, age 15, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on June 3, 2009, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of Shawn Douglas Thomas and Sabrina Lynn Mahoney Clark. Kielee died on Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, at her residence in Hanover, IN. Kielee will be missed by her mother, Sabrina Lynn Mahoney Clark of Hanover, IN; her father, Shawn Douglas Thomas of Hanover, IN; her grandpa, Wesley Thomas and his companion, Carla Dicus of Hanover, IN, her siblings, Jonathan Clark, Savannah Clark, Eben Miller, and Jozie Clark; her grandmothers, Christie Cotton and her husband, Bryan of New Albany, IN, Nancy Mahoney and her companion, Mike Martinez of Madison, IN; her great grandma, Linda Banet and her husband, Daryl of Floyds Knobs, IN, her grandpa, Leo Cornell of Chicago, IL; several aunts, uncles, great aunts, great uncles, cousins, and other relative. She was preceded in death by great grandparents, Jim and Cathy Thomas, Brenda Gray, and Bobby Koehler. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Channock Banet at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, IN. Interment will follow at a later date in the St. John Paul II Catholic Church Cemetery in Sellersburg, IN. Friends may visit Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to Suicide Prevention. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Lena “Ruth” Spencer Beff-Cook Barker, 96, of Bloomington, IN, and formerly of Deputy and Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024 at Bell Trace Health and Living Center in Bloomington. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com. **Oscar Clinton “Clint” Bear, 74**, of Madison, IN, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, at his residence in Madison. Arrangements

will be announced by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com. **Norman Lowell Brameier, 84**, of Hanover, IN, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at his home in Hanover. Cremation was chosen with no formal services to be held. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com. **Violet Fontaine Gayle Fowell, 92**, of Lancaster, IN., died Wednesday,

Nov. 27, 2024, at North King’s Daughters’ Health in Madison, IN. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com. **Constance “Connie” Giles, 86**, of Carrollton, KY, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center in Frankfort, KY. Arrangements will be announced by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyeckler-rileyfuneralhome.com.

Anthony “Tony” Dale Lucas, 44, of North Vernon, IN, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, as a result of an auto accident. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Barks, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home in Columbus, IN, with burial in Bethel Baptist Cemetery in Columbus, www.barke-sweaverlick.com. **Jerry Dale Robinson, 54**, of Sanders, KY, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024. Funeral service will be at

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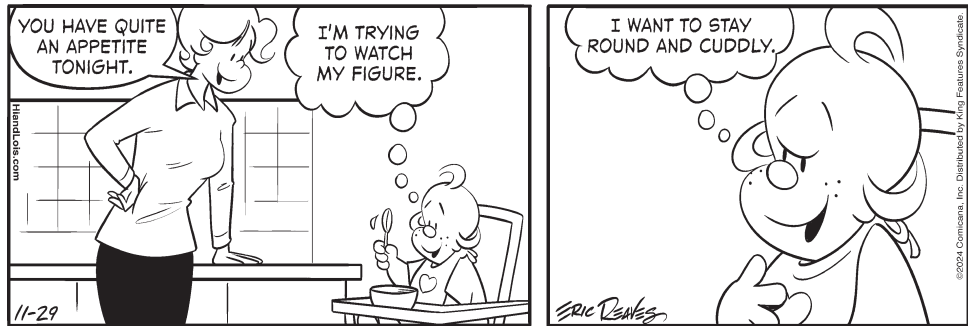
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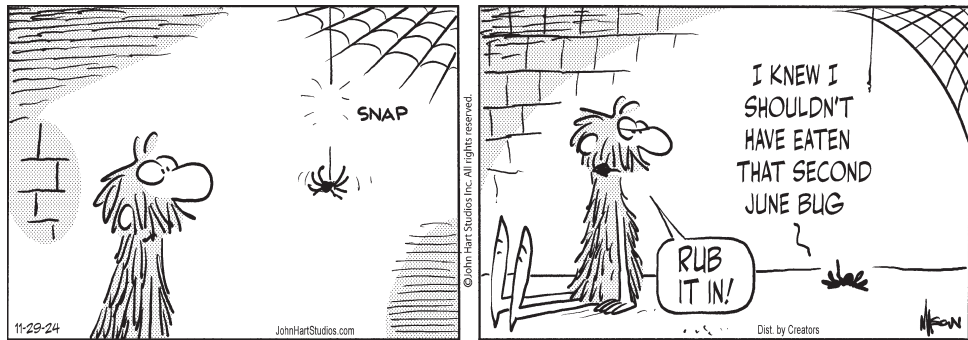
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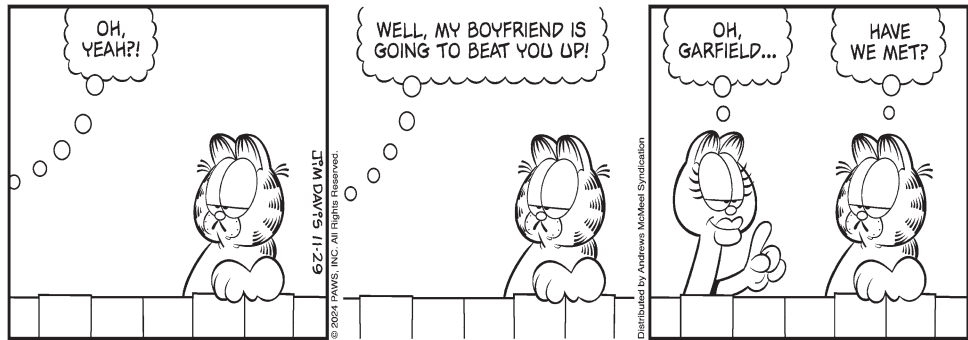
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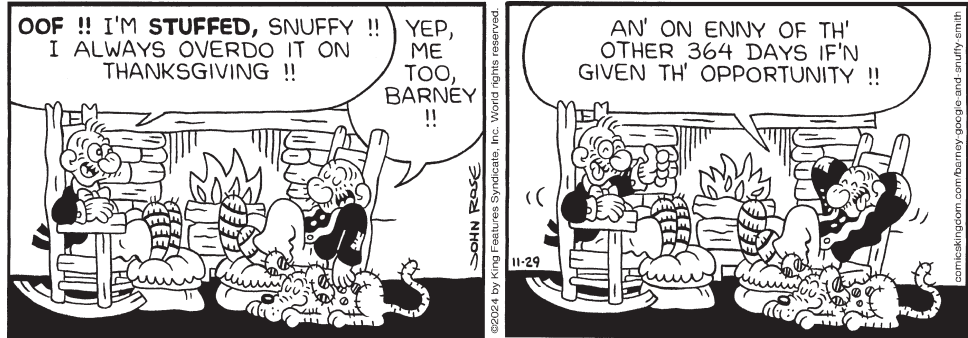
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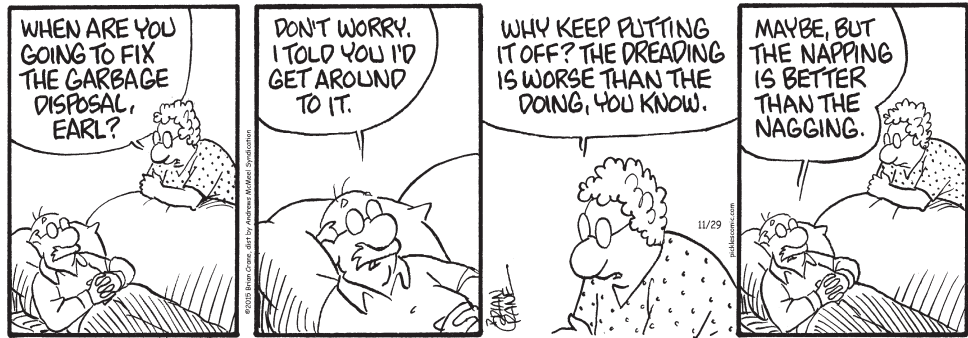
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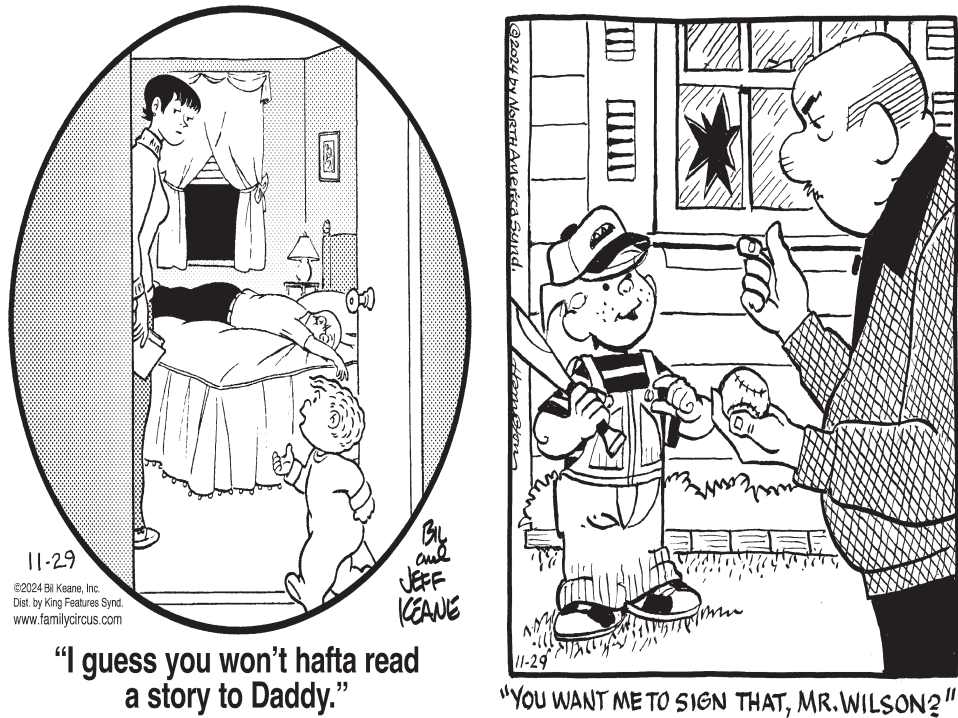


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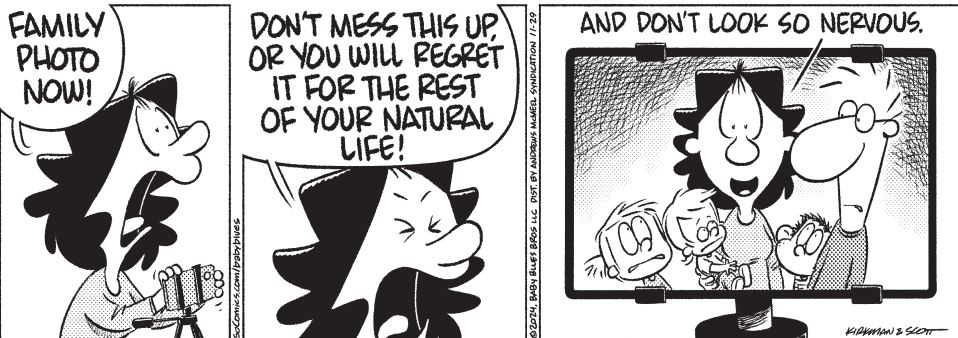
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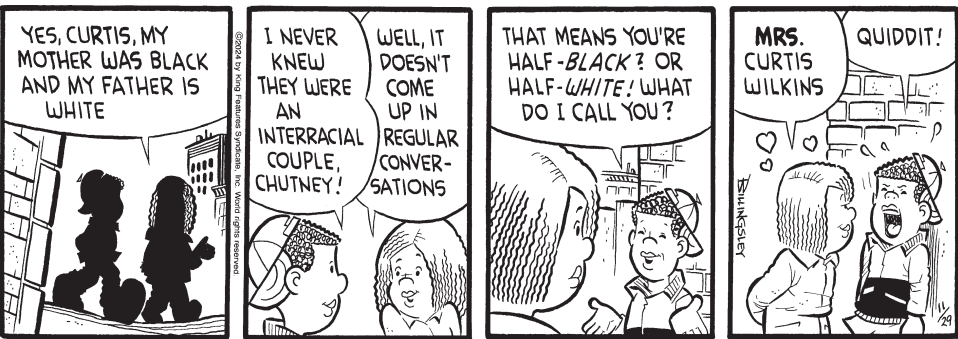
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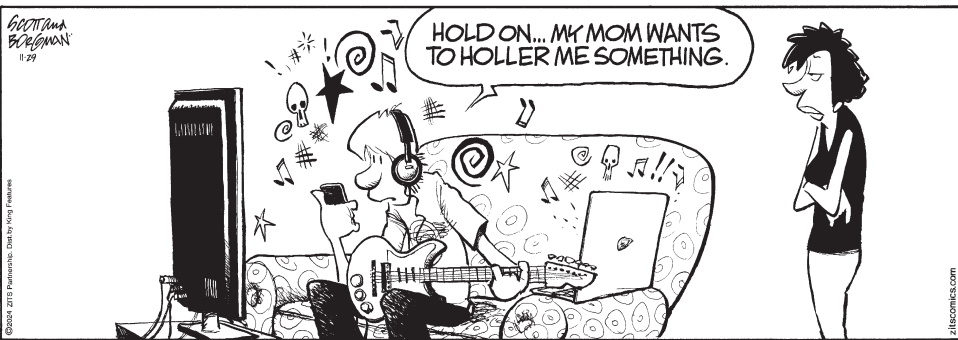
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Nov. 29, the 334th day of 2024. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Nov. 29, 1864, a Colorado militia launched an unprovoked attack on an encampment of Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribal members, killing an estimated 230 people.

Also on this date:

In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd, pilot Bernt Balchen, radio operator Harold June and photographer Ashley McKinney made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

In 1981, film star Natalie Wood drowned at age 43 while boating off California's Santa Catalina Island with her husband Robert Wagner and actor Christopher Walken.

In 1987, a Korean Air 707 jetliner en route from Abu Dhabi to Bangkok was destroyed by a bomb planted by North Korean agents, killing all 115 people aboard.

In 2001, former Beatle George Harrison died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58.

In 2012, the United Nations voted overwhelmingly to grant Palestine non-observer member state status, a vote that came exactly 65 years after the General Assembly adopted a plan to divide Palestine into separate states for Jews and Arabs. (The 2012 vote was 138 in favor; nine members, including the United States, voted against and 41 abstained.)

In 2018, in a surprise guilty plea, former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen confessed that he lied to Congress about a Moscow real estate deal he pursued on Trump's behalf during the 2016 campaign.

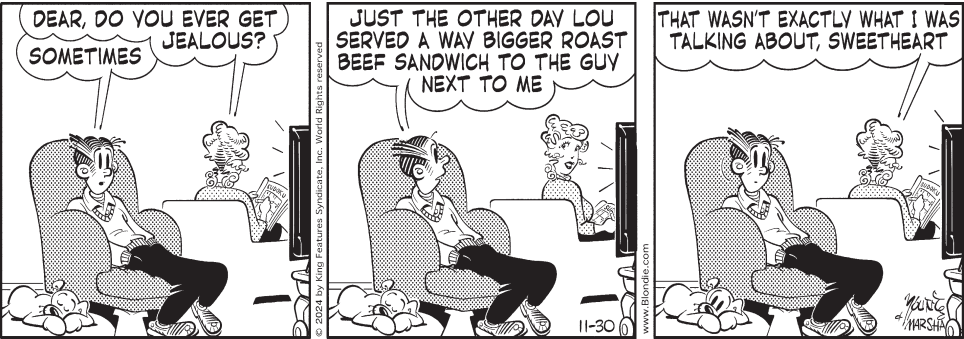
In 2022, Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes was convicted of seditious conspiracy for a violent plot to overturn Democrat Joe Biden's presidential win, handing the Justice Department a major victory in its massive prosecution of the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. (Rhodes would be sentenced to 18 years in prison in May 2023).

Today's Birthdays: Actor Diane Ladd is 89. Musician Chuck Mangione is 84. Filmmaker Joel Coen is 70. Actor-TV personality Howie Mandel is 69. Actor Cathy Moriarty is 64. Actor Kim Delaney is 63. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 62. Actor Don Cheadle is 60. Pop singer Jonathan Knight (New Kids on the Block) is 56. Baseball Hall of Famer Mariano Rivera is 55. Actor Brian Baumgartner is 52. Actor Anna Faris is 48. Rapper The Game is 45. Actor Gemma Chan is 42. Actor Lucas Black is 42. NFL quarterback Russell Wilson is 36.

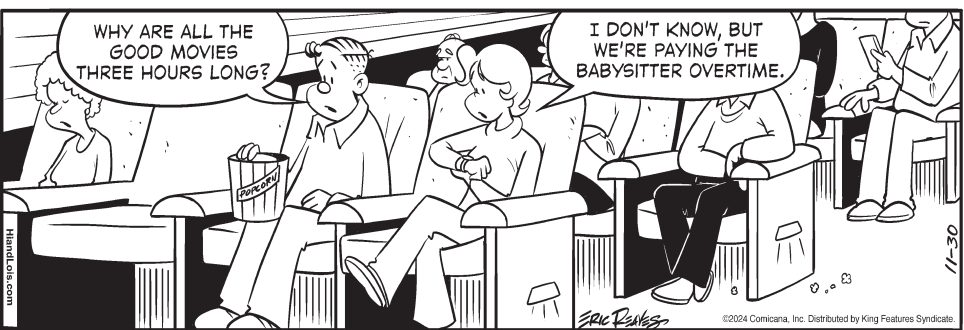
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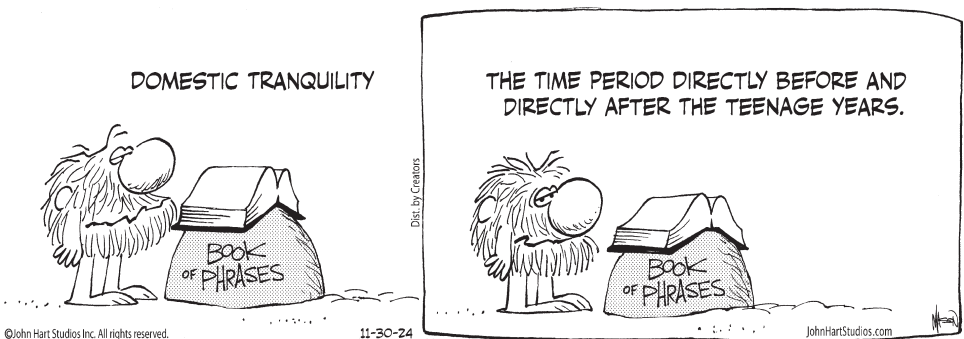
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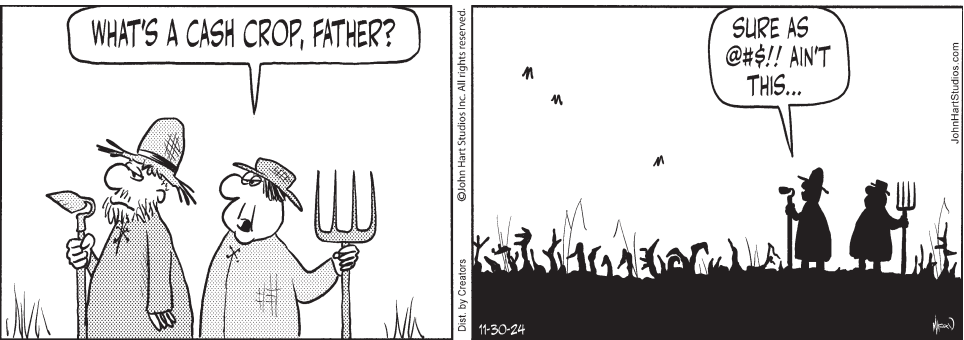
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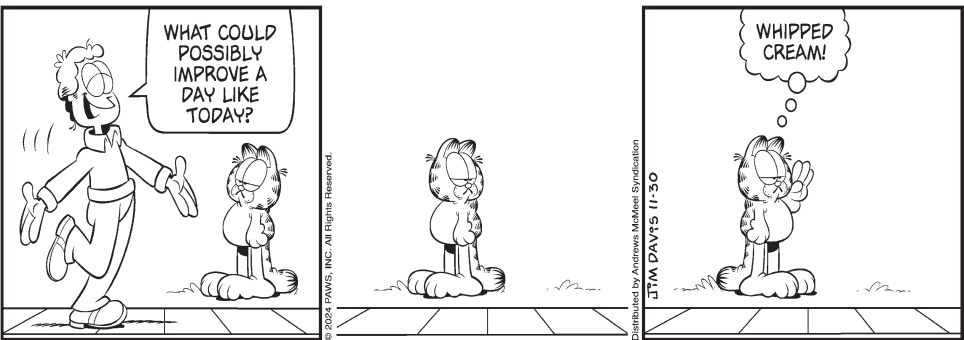
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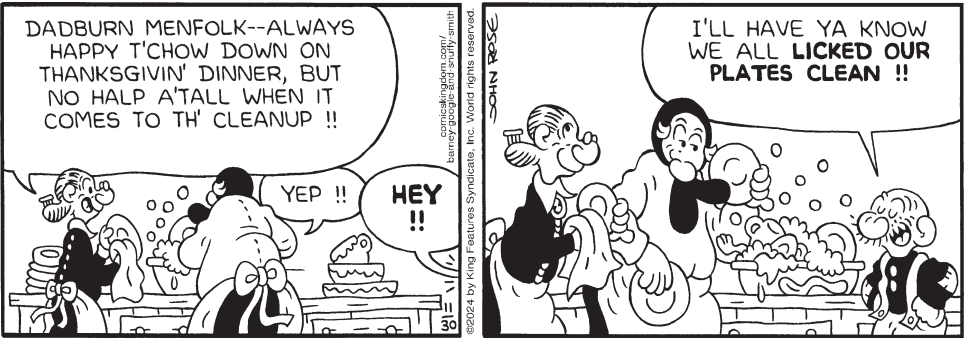
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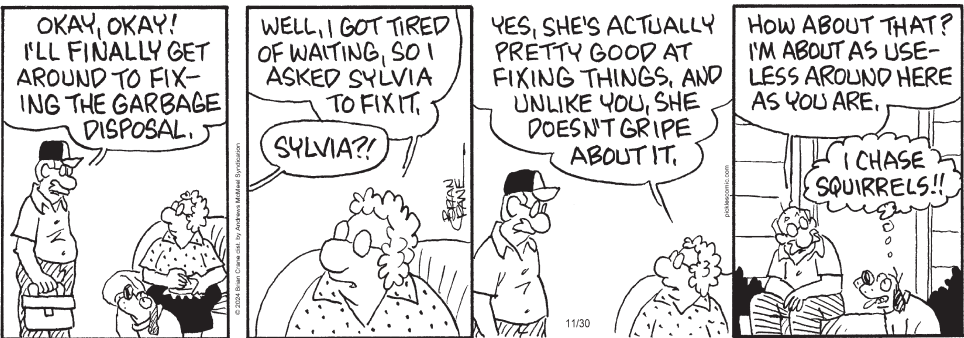
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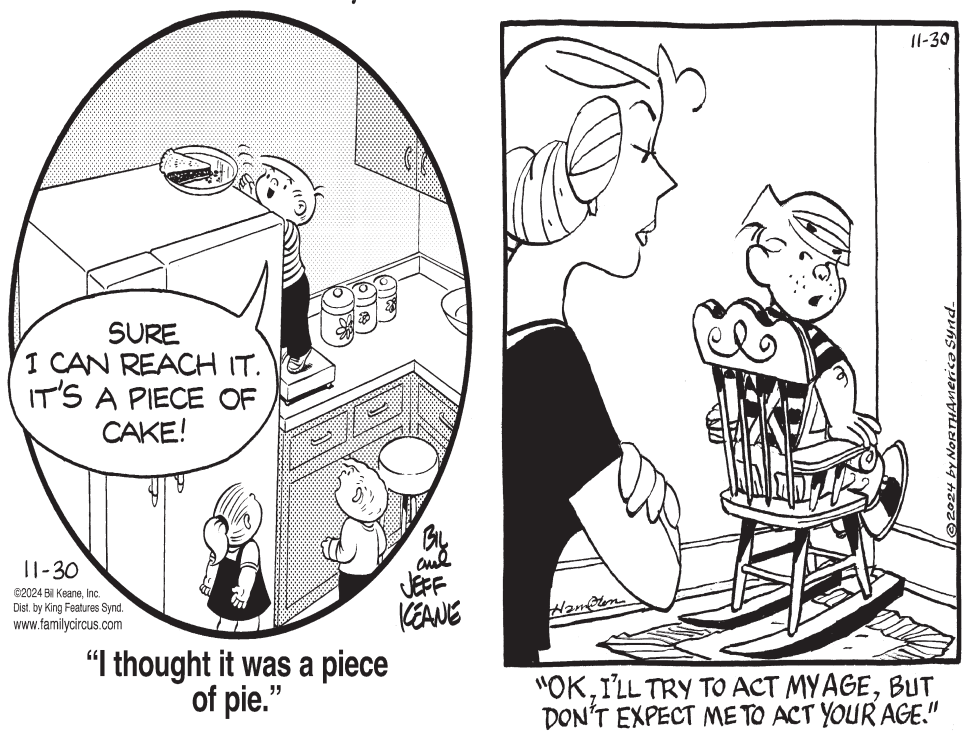


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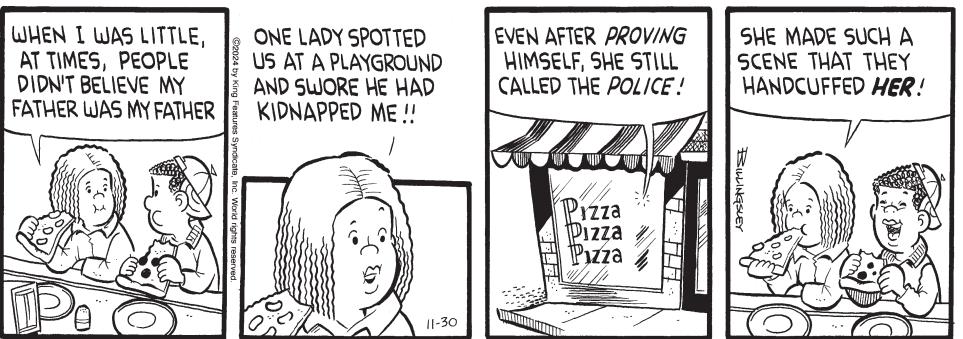
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Nov. 30, the 335th day of 2024. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today in history:
On Nov. 30, 1999, an estimated 40,000 demonstrators clashed with police as they protested against the World Trade Organization as the WTO convened in Seattle.

Also on this date:
In 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris for ending the Revolutionary War; the Treaty of Paris was signed in September 1783.

In 1936, London's Crystal Palace exhibition hall was destroyed by a massive fire.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Brady Bill, which required a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of prospective buyers.

In 2004, "Jeopardy!" fans saw Ken Jennings end his 74-game winning streak as he lost to real estate agent Nancy Zerg.

In 2012, Israel approved the construction of 3,000 homes in Jewish settlements on occupied lands, drawing swift condemnation from Palestinians a day after their successful bid for recognition by the United Nations.

In 2013, actor Paul Walker, star of the "Fast & Furious" movie series, was killed in a single-car accident north of Los Angeles; Walker's friend Roger Rodas, who was driving the car, also died. Walker was 40 years old.

In 2018, former President George H.W. Bush, a World War II hero who rose through the political ranks to the nation's highest office, died at his Houston home at the age of 94; his wife of more than 70 years, Barbara Bush, had died in April.

In 2021, Ethan Crumbley, a 15-year-old sophomore, opened fire at a Michigan high school, killing four students and wounding seven other people.

In 2022, House Democrats elected Rep. Hakeem Jeffries to be the first Black American to head a major political party in Congress as long-serving Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her team stepped aside.

Today's Birthdays:
Filmmaker Woody Allen is 89. Filmmaker Ridley Scott is 87. Historian and screenwriter Geoffrey C. Ward is 84. Filmmaker Terrence Malick is 81. Playwright David Mamet is 77. Actor Mandy Patinkin is 72. Singer Billy Idol is 69. Historian Michael Beschloss is 69. Comedian Colin Mochrie is 67. Actor-filmmaker Ben Stiller is 59. South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem is 53. Singer Clay Aiken is 46. Actor-filmmaker Gael García Bernal is 46. Actor Elisha Cuthbert is 42. Actor Kaley Cuoco is 39. Model Chrissy Teigen is 39. Chess grandmaster Magnus Carlsen is 34.

OBITUARY

Barbara (Sutherland) Goodrich

Barbara (Sutherland) Goodrich, age 93, of New Albany, OH, entered this life on Jan. 8, 1931, in New Albany, IN. She was the daughter of the late William and Inez Marie (Geiske) Sutherland. Barbara passed away with her loving family by her side at 3:57 a.m., Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at the Smith's Mill Health Campus in New Albany, OH.

Barbara will be missed by her daughters, Alice Fachman and her husband, David and their son Cameron of New Albany, OH, and Martha Hughes and her husband, Ralph and their children Lauren, Peyton, Evan of Hickory, NC; her sons, Eric Wong and his wife, Lorrie and their children Amber, Heather of IN, and George W. Goodrich, Jr. and his wife, April and their children Christian, Hayley, Ethan of Lilburn, GA; her grandchildren Brandie (Rob), Michelle, Josh, Elizabeth; her several great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; her brother, William Sutherland and his wife, Betty of Milford, OH, and her several nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Inez Marie (Geiske) Sutherland; her beloved daughter, Janet (Clovis) Butterfield, and her sisters, Jo S. Greeney, and Patricia "Patsy" Joy Canny.

Her infectious smile and the sparkle in her piercing blue eyes will be missed by all who met her and especially by her loving caregivers at Smith's Mill Health Campus and her beloved private care giver Hailee Bradford.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, IN, 47043.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, IN, 47043.

Interment will follow in the Fredonia Cemetery on Tapp's Ridge Road in Vevay, Indiana. Rev. Mike Jones- Officiant.

A Reception will be held in Barbara's honor immediately following the services at Fredonia Cemetery at The Belterra Resort- 777 Belterra Drive, Florence, IN, 47020 (812)-427-7777.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fredonia Cemetery, cards are available at the funeral home, or online, at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Bids due next week for trail extension to Clifty Falls State Park entrance

BY BOB DEMAREE

A \$2.6 million project to connect the Heritage Trail to the south entrance of Clifty Falls State Park is on the verge of getting started with bids slated to be opened next week.

In April 2022, the State of Indiana's Next Level Trails grant program awarded \$2,160,160 to the local Heritage Trail Conservancy for the project. Last year, \$440,000 was awarded in Destination Madison dollars from READI funds allocated by Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority.

The work will begin at Second Street in downtown Madison where the current trail is accessed in the 1000 block of West Second Street. From there, the trail will follow alongside the Madison railroad incline and an existing path that currently stops on the west end of

downtown Madison, then continue on to the park entrance.

The project has been advertised to include construction of approximately 6,000 feet of new asphalt pedestrian trail, approximately 9,600 square feet of modular block retaining wall, approximately 1,100 feet of pedestrian railing, approximately 1,200 feet of steel-backed timber guard railing, storm sewers, signage, trailheads and a parking lot.

Tony Steinhardt III, the city's economic development director, said at last week's Madison Redevelopment Commission meeting that in addition to the connection to the park entrance, the State of Indiana has been developing plans inside Clifty Falls State Park for a trail from the south entrance to the Clifty Inn.

In addition, a Hanover to Madison trail connection is being supported

by \$10 million that Hanover College received from part of its \$30 million College and Community Collaboration grant by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Steinhardt noted Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority has hope that a trail system can ultimately be developed to connect Clifty Falls State Park to Charlestown State Park and eventually O'Bannon Woods State Park in Corydon.

"We have the ability fairly easier once we get to Hanover College to get to the end of our county" because a closed county road that can be turned into a trail, Steinhardt said. "We're excited about that, and it plays well within the regional development authority and it promptly made the RDA think about the ability to connect the state parks in our region."

Great Cookie Caper

Sale of 9,000 cookies to benefit Southpaws 4-H Club

BY BOB DEMAREE

Thousands of cookies have been baked and boxed for sale the next two weekends for the Great Cookie Caper held in conjunction with the Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes as a fundraiser for a local non-profit.

Held annually since 2010, the Great Cookie Caper has raised a total of \$47,000 for charitable organizations in Jefferson County.

This year's sales will benefit the Jefferson County Southpaws 4-H Dog Club that teaches members how to train dogs for obedience, showmanship and agility. Funds raised from the Great Cookie Caper will be used for new equipment and supplies.



Bob Demaree

Sara Hare (left) and Marci Jones mix cookie dough for the Great Cookie Caper during the Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes this weekend and next weekend. All baking was done at the commercial kitchen at Venture Out Center with the sales of 9,000 cookies benefitting the Jefferson County Southpaws 4-H Dog Club.

"We're very blessed to be able to be a part of it, grateful to have this opportunity to up our equipment, up our supplies, and make it better for our kids," said Alysha Reece, a volunteer leader for the Southpaws.

Equipment is needed for the dog training exercises such as tunnels, rings, jumps, teeters and more to test agility and skill. "Having updated equipment and safe equipment makes it easier for our kids to be able to teach the dogs so they trust them, and be able place higher at the state level," said Reece.

For the 4-H youth who are a part of the Southpaws, Reece said the "program teaches kids responsibility, teaches them if they want to achieve something they have to work for it because if they don't work, they're not going to achieve any goals."



Bob Demaree

Pam Kimmel (from left) Susan Morgan and Nancy Owen make Mexican wedding cookies for the Great Cookie Caper.

To participate in the fundraiser, the Southpaws must bake a minimum of 350 dozen cookies to match what's baked by the Great Cookie Caper volunteers. But Great Cookie Caper members said the volunteers actually went above that minimum, baking 400 dozen cookies — for 750 dozen cookies or 9,000 individual cookies.

The Great Cookie Caper features a wide selection of homemade cookies from chocolate chip, oatmeal and cranberry pecan to Mexican wedding, chocolate mint and peanut butter blossom as well as many others including the famously popular sugar cookie on a stick.

All cookies are pre-boxed with 30 cookies for \$15 and a dozen cookies for \$6. The sugar cookies on a stick are \$3 each.

Jones said cookie boxes are labeled for whether any included cookie has nuts, or if all cookies don't have nuts for the safety of per-



Bob Demaree

Becky Cole (left) and Wanda Hunt were making some of the 9,000 cookies that will be sold as part of the Great Cookie Caper at the Visitor Center during the Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes.

sons who may have a nut allergy.

Past fundraising beneficiaries have included Lide White Boys and Girls Club, 2010; Big Brothers Big Sisters, 2012; Habitat for Humanity, 2013; Jefferson County Animal Shelter, 2014; SEI Voices for Children, 2015; the Sunshine Fund for Huntington's Disease, 2016; Jefferson County Youth Shelter, 2017; Salvation Army of Madison, 2018; Ruth

Haven, 2019; Girls Inc of Jefferson County, 2021; Hargan-Matthews Park, 2022; and the Women's Giving Circle, 2023.

The Cookie Caper is based at the Visitors Center, 601 W. First St. Cookies can be purchased there on both weekends of the tour including Fridays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. (while supplies last each day).

DEATH

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7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Garnett-New Funeral Home in Warsaw, KY, www.gnmfh.com.

Ryan DaWayne Sparks, 14, of Worthville, KY, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, from injuries sustained in a side-by-side accident. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at Graham-Dunn Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, with burial to follow at Worthville Cemetery in Worthville.

Christeen Lanham Vanosdol, 95, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Jack Webster, 85, of Milton, KY, died on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, at the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital Emergency Room. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Esther C. Christner Wickey, 44, of Cross Plains, IN, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, at the Hosparus Health Inpatient Care Center in Louisville. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Wickey Residence, 16771 Aberdeen Road, Cross Plains, with interment to follow in the Old Order Amish Cemetery, near Pleasant, IN. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Southwestern Class of 1964



Submitted

The Southwestern Class of 1964 celebrated it 60th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 5. Members who attended and are pictured include (from left): Front — Sandy (Stearns) Stilwell, Emmily (Bair) Enyart, Elaine (Miller) Smith, Sharon (Kemper) Yarber, Linda (Aldridge) Bower, Betty (McCormick) Sexton, Aileen (Clashman) Meier, Glenda (Aldridge) Kelley and Donna (McClellan) Watkins; Back — Jim Monroe, Don Mundt, Mark Todd, Ray Wilson, Brenda (Stockdale) Zimmermann, Nancy (Wilson) Rich, Stacey Horine, Randy Hardy, Jess Stoner, Charles Epperson and Dale Crafton.

KYTC to hold open house on bridge project on Dec. 11

Meeting to be held at Butler Conference center

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will hold an open house and information session on Wednesday, Dec. 11, to provide a public review of upcoming improvements to replace the structurally deficient U.S. 42 Carrollton-Prestonville Kentucky River bridge and improve pedestrian access.

The meeting, open to all members of the public, will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Dec. 11, at the General Butler State Park Conference Center in Carrollton, where those interested can gather more details about the bridge replacement project, have the opportu-

nity to look through visuals, receive informational handouts, ask questions with the project team and provide written feedback on the proposal.

The U.S. 42 Carrollton-Prestonville Bridge is critical to the flow of traffic through Carroll County as it connects the communities of Carrollton and Prestonville locally and serves as a vital link between Carroll County and communities in Trimble County and traffic coming from Indiana via the U.S. 421 Ohio River bridge at Milton.

The bridge is currently considered “structurally deficient” due to its condition and has a reduced weight limit of 22

tons. This reduced ton limit makes it impossible for semi truck traffic to use the bridge, and results in a long detour for commercial vehicles traveling to and from the various industries in Carroll County.

“We’ve developed a bridge alternative that will improve conditions between these two cities drastically,” said Mike Bezold, the U.S. 42 Carrollton-Prestonville Bridge Replacement Project Manager. “The new bridge will be built to carry all traffic across. Additionally, there will be improvements for pedestrians as well, with the addition of sidewalks on both sides of the bridge.”

The Recommended Alterna-

tive improves the bridge by lifting the current weight restrictions. The bridge will feature a single lane in each direction, sidewalks for pedestrians on each side of the bridge and be located north of the existing bridge. The new bridge will be constructed so that traffic can be maintained on the existing bridge until completion of the project.

The existing bridge, a two-lane continuous truss span with pedestrian walkway opened in 1952, and carries more than 10,000 vehicles a day. Prior to that, the original Kentucky River bridge was constructed at the site at the turn of the century when the Indiana Bridge Company, of Muncie, began work on Aug. 29, 1899.

Carroll County had lobbied the state to replace or refurbish the span for years until a \$26.8 million project to replace the bridge was announced in 2022 with a scheduled start date between 2023 and 2026 that was pushed until now by environmental impact studies.

Persons unable to attend the open house, are encouraged to leave feedback on the project for up to 30 days following the open house, by emailing KYTC Project Manager Mike Bezold at Mike.Bezold@ky.gov.

Anyone who needs printed materials or interpretation/translation services, or other reasonable accommodations to participate in the open house, should contact Sharon James at Sharon.James@ky.gov or (502) 564-4256.

MADISON

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board of directors to fill two of board’s three vacancies.

Courtney noted that involvement of the city “has been lacking for a long time. This might be the first time the mayor has joined the Miss Madison Inc. board in over 20 years.”

He said the transaction to sell the race team’s assets includes the two unlimited hydroplanes and all equipment, but does not include the display boat currently on loan to Madison Regatta to promote the sport, some memorabilia and some personal property.

“It’s unfortunate that we find ourselves here, where we wish we had better communication and engagement sooner. It was just too late to reverse things,” he said. “Now, we are focused on the future.”

Courtney said the Miss Madison board of directors has had “a lot of difficult financial considerations for Miss Madison Inc. that was weighing heavily on this board.”

He noted the sale “would create an opportunity for the boat to right itself, for Miss Madison Inc. to correct the financial situation and then have the resources to look toward the future, and what Miss Madison racing will be.”

What lies ahead is “going to be part of the discussion of what a new Miss Madison looks like” including “potential acquisition of another boat to race as Miss Madison,” he said.

Miss Madison Inc. has maintained a boat shop in the Seattle suburb of Tukwila that Courtney noted is “extremely expensive.”

In February of 2021, Miss Madison Inc. Owner Representative Charlie Grooms approached the city’s Redevelopment Commission about potentially moving its operation back to Madison by developing a shop at a City of Madison’s industrial site on the hilltop but that move never materialized. The team does have a smaller, older shop at 201 Milton Street in downtown Madison that is owned

by Madison Regatta but used by the team as its hometown base of operation.

Courtney said he didn’t know if the race team might again have a boat shop in Madison. “All of that is on table. The shop they have in Seattle is very expensive but it’s very state of the art, and so when you think of the hydroplane itself, and you think about the crew and the technical support and the maintenance team, the driving, the technology engineered in these boats, it’s very complicated, and those were factors in the board’s decision to take advantage of this opportunity and try to rebuild the future.”

Courtney noted the Miss Madison board of directors involves people who “volunteer their time, and they are doing the best they can ... This board has a lot of really good people on it who the majority are former presidents of Madison Regatta, so they have brought with them a lot of racing experience so we’ll work with them to capitalize that on the next chapter of Miss Madison.”

Miss Madison Racing, known as the only community-owned hydroplane in the world, capped its 63rd year in the sport in October with the team’s 12th national high points championship since 2008 under various title sponsorships from Oh Boy! Ober to HomeStreet Bank and Goodman Real Estate.

Courtney was asked if the team is still truly community-owned given the sponsorships that have paid the team’s bills for decades.

“It is. Don’t let anybody tell you different. It is the city of Madison racing team,” the Mayor said. “Their whole corporate charter is to race Miss Madison and promote the city of Madison.”

Courtney said, “Madison is known for its racing legacy and while we are disappointed at this turn of events, Miss Madison’s 60-plus years of racing, many of which as national champion, can’t be understated. The city will work with the Miss Madison board to guide its future as the only community-owned boat in the world. There will be a Miss Madison racing in 2025.”



Bob Demaree

Riding in Madison’s new trolley are (from left) City Council members Lucy Dattilo and Carla Krebs, Mayor Bob Courtney, Chip Snyder, community relations director for Hanover College, Visit Madison Inc. Marketing Director Sarah Prasil (behind pole), and Tina Lippert and Cody Pringle of T-Mobile.

TROLLEY

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will help facilitate and support tours of our community, historic sites, and businesses and serve as a connector to Hanover College and our hilltop,” said Andrew Forrester, executive tourism director for Visit Madison Inc. “We’re also looking forward to utilizing the trolleys to host conferences and conventions here while utilizing hotels on both the hilltop and downtown.”

Forrester worked on a business plan for the trolleys in fall of 2023 as part of his Indiana Tourism Academy final project, and Jefferson County Board of Tourism invested in a three-week trial run in October and November 2023 that served as proof that it’s a viable concept. Visit Madison took over booking operations of the previous trolleys in May 2024, although local businessman and entrepreneur Dave Adams maintains ownership of the vehicles, which include a 1982 and a 1983 vehicle. Visit Madison will be coordinating with Adams on the future of those vehicles.

Financial support for the purchase of the trolleys came from various grants throughout the past year. Visit Madison received \$50,000 from a T-Mobile Hometown Grant in July, the Jefferson County Board of Tourism invested \$25,000 in August with a pledge for additional funds in spring 2025, and Hanover College pledged \$250,000 from a grant through the Lilly Endowment Inc. as part of a \$30 million “Jefferson Together” plan aimed at connecting the college with the Madison and Hanover communities.

“Hanover College is pleased to partner with Visit Madison and the City of Madison to purchase trolleys that will be used to improve connectivity between our campus and the surrounding community. We look forward to seeing all of the good that these newer trolleys can bring to the City of Madison, Town of Hanover, and Hanover College,” said Chip Snyder, Community Relations director for Hanover College.

The City of Madison accepted the trolley donation by resolution in September, so that the city can register, insure, and maintain the vehicle, with Visit Madison reimbursing those costs from trolley revenue.

“Trolleys have been an integral part of Madison for the last 30 years thanks to a number of people, including Dave Adams, the owner of the current two Madison trolleys,” said Mayor Bob Courtney. “We are happy to partner with Visit Madison on this



Bob Demaree

Looking out the back of Madison’s new trolley are Cody Pringle, T-Mobile rural market manager; Andrew Forrester, Visit Madison Inc. executive director; Tina Lippert, T-Mobile Madison retail store manager; Madison Mayor Bob Courtney; City Council members Lucy Dattilo and Carla Krebs; and Chip Snyder, community relations director for Hanover College.



Bob Demaree

Madison’s new trolley, parked alongside the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site, included passengers Cody Pringle, T-Mobile rural market manager; Andrew Forrester, Visit Madison Inc. executive director; Tina Lippert, T-Mobile Madison retail store manager; Madison Mayor Bob Courtney; City Council members Lucy Dattilo and Carla Krebs; and Chip Snyder, community relations director for Hanover College.

initiative because we know the potential they have for great visitor and resident experiences as we continue our ‘Destination Madison’ plan.”

The first event scheduled for the new trolley will be “Holly Jolly Trolley,” tour taking place over the next two weekends. Visitors and residents can purchase a wristband that allows them to ride the new or vintage trolleys that will be decorated and circulating around town during the Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes. Tickets are limited.

Both the old and new trolleys will also participate in the Very Merry Madison Christmas parade, with the old trolley hosting those who were part of its history for 30 years, and the new trolley with Visit Madison, City of Madison, and Hanover representatives.

A second brand-new trolley is scheduled to be delivered in May

2025 and will include ADA Accessibility. Once both trolleys are delivered, Visit Madison plans a full schedule of uses including regular paid tours, free loop routes during special events, and activities each month such as “Taco Trolley Trail” and “Holly Jolly Trolley” to help benefit businesses, museums, and organizations in Jefferson County.

The used trolley delivered from Baltimore on Tuesday was purchased at a cost of \$167,000. The new trolley to be delivered next year will be purchased for approximately \$237,000 from Hometown Trolley Manufacturing, a company based in Crandon, Wisconsin.

Trolleys will also be available to rent for weddings, family reunions, business outings, and more. For more information about renting a trolley, being a driver or tour guide, call Visit Madison at 812-265-2956 or email trolley@visitmadison.org

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Owner Rob Youngblood and Manager Crystal McHargue are featuring live music week-in and week-out, usually three or four nights a week. This week is a good example. They have something going on from Wednesday through Saturday, INCLUDING Thanksgiving Day! Now that’s dedication. The bar is totally remodeled, super clean and friendly, and, as I said, just at the top of the hill about 2 miles from downtown. Keep an eye on the calendar for Tailgators shows, and then get up there and see what all the fun is about!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, November 29

First Street Saloon — Dylan West Band
Tailgators — Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Vaguely Familiar (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Red Bicycle Hall — Back 2 Mac — Fleetwood Mac (shows 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.)
American Legion — The Mood (8 p.m.-midnight)
Nick Dittmeier — (9-11 p.m.)

Saturday, November 30

Rivertown Grill — Crossfire Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
First Street Saloon — L&L Karaoke
The Drake — Joe & Deano (7:30-10:30 p.m.)
Tailgators — Southern Country (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Thomas Family Winery — Slick River Rockets (8-11 p.m.)

Sunday, December 1

Rivertown Grill — Micheal Anthony Trapp (7-10 p.m.)

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Southwestern survives Madison's best punch for 4th-straight Turkey Shootout win

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Any thoughts of a Southwestern blowout victory were squashed early and the Rebels had to fight for every point before finally pulling out a 56-51 win over Madison in the boys portion of the annual Turkey Shootout on Wednesday.

But with a veteran team and experience at every position, the Rebels were the clear favorites on paper against a Madison program in transition. Somebody forgot to tell that to the Cubs, who battled to the final horn before Southwestern escaped with its fourth-straight win in the series.

"We thought coming in that it probably could be a blowout, but they proved us wrong," Southwestern junior Brady Cook said. "They played really well but we were able to pull it out."

The game was 32 minutes of knock-down, drag-out basketball as both teams struggled to find any consistency. But it was Madison that spent a large portion on top of the scoreboard thanks in large part to an impressive outside shooting performance that saw



Southwestern's boys basketball team celebrates after winning the Old Oaken Bucket for the fourth-straight year.

the Cubs hit 11 3-pointers in the game. It was a trey — by Landon True — that gave Madison its final lead of the game at 46-44 with 4:52 to play. Cook responded with a bucket and a free throw on the

other end to give Southwestern the lead for good, but the game was far from over. After a Cook basket with 42 seconds left put the Rebels up 54-48, True

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 29
No local events

Saturday, Nov. 30
BASKETBALL

Switzerland Co. girls at Austin, 12:30 p.m.
Shawe boys at New Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Lawrenceburg, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 1
No local events

Monday, Dec. 2
SWIMMING

Madison girls at Charlestown, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 3
BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. girls host Cornerstone Christian, 6 p.m.
Madison girls host Floyd Central, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys host Medora, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at Milan, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Highlands Latin, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls at Lexington Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys hosts Cornerstone Christian, 8 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison hosts Jennings Co., 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts South Dearborn, Milan, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Madison at Batesville, 6 p.m.



Madison's girls basketball team rings the Victory Bell for the 13th-straight year after beating Southwestern in their annual matchup on Wednesday.



Madison's Kylie Montgomery (5) laughs at teammate Kenzie Smith (12) after a play in the girls Turkey Shootout on Wednesday.

Madison catches fire in 2nd half to win Victory Bell for 13th-straight year

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Southwestern's game plan of slowing the game down and forcing Madison into a half court grind worked for nearly two quarters. But once the Cubs broke loose, they were off to the races and the Rebels just couldn't keep pace.

Madison outscored the Rebels 10-2 over the final two minutes of the second quarter then dominated the second half and rolled to a 63-31 win in the girls portion of the annual Turkey Shootout on Wednesday at Madison.

The victory was the 13th-straight in the series for the Cubs, all of which have been by at least 20 points.

"We got started off slow and we just had to get out of it," said Madison junior Juliana Davis, who had 26 points and nearly outscored the Rebels by herself. "We just huddled up, got everybody up, got hyped, and got back to work."

Unbeaten Madison (5-0) used the same formula in this game as it has done all season, with a ferocious full-court press and an attacking style the produces turnovers and fast break points in abundance.

But for nearly two quarters, Southwestern slowed the juggernaut down. Dominating and clogging the paint and forcing Madison into bad shots, the Rebels stayed within striking distance and trailed only 16-14 with 1:48 to play

in the first half after Harlee Hill worked her way to the basket.

But the Rebels' physical style of play came with a price and as foul trouble began eating into the Southwestern roster, Madison pounced on the Southwestern reserves.

Addison Roark kick-started the Madison run with a 3-pointer from the left side and added an second trey moments later. Davis scored on a slicer to the basket in between Roark's two long shots and all of a sudden the Cubs were up 10. A pair of free throws by Davis in the closing seconds staked the Cubs to a 10-point half-time lead.

"For 14 minutes we were right there, and then just stop doing what we were doing. And then they made their run," Southwestern coach Brian Crank said. "We still had a chance. We were down 10 and if we had just cut it to six or five, we would have had a swinger's chance. But we didn't start the second half with the same energy."

Baleigh McAfee opened the third quarter with a bucket for Southwestern to close the gap to eight but other than another McAfee basket four minutes later and two Rorie Scroggins free throws, the Rebels didn't score again in the frame.

Madison, meanwhile was rolling. Kenzie Smith hit two 3-pointers and the Cubs went 9-for-18



Southwestern's Mikayla Nussbaum (2) and Madison's Kylie Montgomery battle for the ball during the girls Turkey Shootout on Wednesday.

from the floor in the third quarter to blow open the game. Madison took a 50-22 lead into the final frame and led by as many as 35 before settling into the 32-point win.

"I felt like at the beginning of the game, we were just going 1,000 miles an hour and we weren't using our brains at all. I didn't want to burn a timeout to calm them down because they were playing super hard. They were just so amped up," Madison coach Adam Dennis said. "But we finally got it figured out. It took us a while to calm down and start really playing basketball."

Davis said the Cubs play on emotion and tend to take their cues from each other, both good and bad.

"Once we're down or something, we all get down. But when we start getting on a run and a shooting run, then everybody cheers up," she said. "And we just got a good game tonight."

Davis went 4-for-8 on 3-point attempts for 26 points and added seven rebounds, six steals and three assists for an impressive all-around game. Roark hit three 3-pointers and scored 17 points while dishing out five assists and getting four steals. The Cubs shot 48% in the second half after hitting just 9-of-34 in the first half.

Hill had 12 points and eight rebounds for Southwestern, which fell to 5-2 with the loss. Scroggins had seven points and 10 rebounds while McAfee had seven points

and seven rebounds. The Rebels never found their shooting groove, hitting just 9-for-44 for the game while committing 28 turnovers.

Madison hosts Floyd Central on Tuesday while Southwestern prepares for a huge game next Friday, Dec. 6, when it hosts Shawe. If the Rebels want a shot to repeat as Ohio River Valley Conference champions, they will need to win that game.

"It's just like last year. We didn't let this game define us and we went onto a great second half, and our goal is to do the same thing. Don't let this game define us," Crank said. "We got Shawe on Friday and that's more important than this game because the conference championship is one of our goals."

Madison knocks off Southwestern in wrestling

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison won 10 of the 11 contested matches and picked up a 59-18 win at Southwestern in wrestling on Tuesday.

There were only three forfeits on the night as both squads fielded nearly complete teams. Madison's only win by forfeit came from Nathen McBride at 215 pounds while Southwestern's Kale Bickers (106 pounds) and Parker Anderson (113) both won by forfeit.

Kieran Lock, Drew Zuckschwerdt, Segar Ralston, Brendan Bentz, Zane Skinner, Taye LaBolt, Will Livingston, Garrett Deuser, Ayden Waggoner and Jason Cosby each won contested matches for Madison while Jon Brinkley picked up a win for Southwestern.

Results were:
106 — Kale Bickers (SW), forfeit; 113 — Parker Anderson (SW), forfeit; 120 — Kieran Lock

(M) over Leyton Lare (SW), Dec 9-2; 126 — Drew Zuckschwerdt (M) over Josh Jines (SW), Fall 0:41; 132 — Jon Brinkley (SW) over Trenton Bivens (M), Fall 2:36; 138: Segar Ralston (M) over Gage Pennington (SW), Fall 1:26; 144 — Brendan Bentz (M) over Damian Hernandez-Perez (SW), TF 15-0 5:00; 150 — Zane Skinner (M) over Angel Hernandez-Perez (SW), Fall 0:09; 157 — Taye Labolt (M) over Myles Monroe

(SW), MD 18-6; 165: William Livingston (M) over Case Lawson (SW), TF 21-1 4:55; 175: Garrett Deuser (M) over Coltin Shaffer (SW), Fall 1:30; 190: Ayden Waggoner (M) over Cain Martinez (SW), Fall 1:58; 215: Nathen McBride (M), forfeit; 285: Jason Cosby (M) over Kobe Rogers (SW), Fall 0:10.

Madison travels to Batesville on Tuesday and competes at Jeffersonville next Saturday. Southwest-

ern travels to Scottsburg for the Warrior Classic on Friday, Dec. 6.

PACERS OPEN WITH WIN

Switzerland County picked up a 38-35 win over Jennings County in the Pacers' wrestling season opener on Wednesday.

No details from the match were available.

Switzerland competes in the Warrior Classic at Scottsburg on Dec. 6.

IU looks to rebound from 1st loss, clinch playoff spot against Purdue

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

One loss hasn't changed much for the No. 10 Indiana Hoosiers.

If the Hoosiers cap a historic regular season by reclaiming the Old Oaken Bucket for the first time since 2019, they are likely to lock up one of the coveted 12 playoff spots, perhaps one more home game, and maybe, with some good luck, reach their first Big Ten title game.

Yes, it's all still there for the taking and coach Curt Cignetti expects his team to follow the same game plan it has all season when it hosts in-state rival Purdue on Saturday.

"They all understand what a rivalry game is, and they know what's at stake," Cignetti said. "We need to pack the stadium. It's got to be loud. It's got to be a winning edge for us. We've got to have a great week of preparation. We've got to play well and play very well."

The Hoosiers (10-1, 7-1 Big Ten, No. 10 CFP) played as well as anyone in the Bowl Subdivision until the last six quarters that included that loss to No. 2 Ohio State. Cignetti still believes Indiana has done more than enough to make the expanded playoff.

Still, Indiana understands a loss to the Boilermakers (1-10, 0-8) could derail everything.

Purdue has struggled through one of the program's worst seasons. It has lost 10 straight, five by 35 or more points, and one more would break the school's single season records for most losses, most conference losses and longest losing streak. It also would be the school's first winless season in league play since 2013 and only the fourth since 1946.

Naturally, that has many around campus pondering the fate of Ryan Walters, the second-year coach.

"I mean, I'm looking forward to Saturday. That is what I'm focused on right now," he said. "Those are the things that are right in front of us right now. Then after Saturday, I'll look forward to



Indiana head coach Curt Cignetti shouts to his players during the second half Saturday against Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio.

the next wave of things."

The question for the Hoosiers, of course, is what their next wave looks like and how soon it takes shape. By extending their single season school records for overall and Big Ten wins, they could be doing a lot more than adding an "I" to the chain that goes inside the Bucket.

"I'm slowly starting to realize how important this game is," said defensive lineman James Carpenter, one of 13 players who followed Cignetti from James Madison to Indiana. "I haven't heard any stories, I just know that there is some pretty deep hatred between the two fan bases. That's what college football is all about. We're pumped for this game."

FINAL FINALE?

While Purdue does not typically fire coaches after two seasons and doesn't like spending big on buyouts, many fans think the nearly \$9.6 million owed to Walters could be a bargain — if his successor rebuilds the program as quickly as Cignetti at Indiana.

It's not just the losses that have fans upset; it's the fact the Boilermakers have struggled to stay competitive.

Plus, both gambles Walters took to win overtime games backfired, and the former defensive coordinator will be calling the offensive plays for the seventh straight week after firing his offensive coordinator in October. Recruits also have been decommitting.

A decision could come as soon as Sunday — perhaps even Saturday night.

HOLDING THE LINE

Indiana's offensive struggles last week against Ohio State and in the second half against Michigan the previous week can be traced largely to poor pass protection against blitzes. Hoosiers quarterback Kurtis Rourke was sacked nine times over the past two weeks.

Cignetti spent time this week trying to make corrections.

"We got beat physically one time and poor technique on a weak-side twist (against Ohio State), which is similar to what Michigan had given us the week before," he said. "We've got to get back in sync offensively and get our rhythm back where we're playing with a lot of confidence, scoring points, scoring points in bunches."

CARD COUNTING

Quarterback Hudson Card came to Purdue to add his name to the "Cradle of Quarterbacks."

But after two mediocre seasons, Walters' hand-picked choice to run the offense could be playing his final game despite having one season of college eligibility remaining. If it is his last game with the Boilermakers, Card could end his Purdue career with a bang by winning the Bucket for a second time one week after throwing for a career high 342 yards at Michigan State.

No. 8 UK beats WKU to stay undefeated

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

LEXINGTON — It wasn't always pretty, but the No. 8 ranked Kentucky Wildcats improved to 6-0 in head coach Mark Pope's debut season with a 87-68 victory over the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers inside Rupp Arena Tuesday.

"Congratulations to Western Kentucky for a great, hard-fought battle," Pope said. "It's a good team. It's an NCAA tournament team, returning eight guys from a team that made an unbelievable run down the stretch last season to win their conference tournament and go to the NCAA tournament. Played really, really hard, heavy, heavy pressure. I thought they were terrific tonight."

The Hilltoppers gave Kentucky fits early and often Tuesday in the Wildcats first relatively close game since a win over Duke in the Champions Classic.

Kentucky struggled on the offensive end as for the first time this season, it failed to hit at least 10 three's as UK shot just 8-for-29 (27.6%) from beyond the arc in Tuesday's victory, however it was able to hold WKU, who entered playing a 37.4% three-point shooting team to a 4-for-26 clip (15.4%) from three.

Give WKU coach Hank Plona a lot of credit. The first-year head coach at Western Kentucky University had studied Kentucky at length, and came up with some kind of game plan to keep his team in contact with the Wildcats.

Concentrating on the



Amari Williams sets to make his move to the basket during Kentucky's game with Western Kentucky on Tuesday night at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

3-point line was a big part of WKU's defensive plan. Ortega Oweh also must have made his way onto the WKU scouting report. Oweh seemed to be the focus of the attention in the first half, scoring nine points but on 3-of-8 shooting with a turnover and no assists.

"We needed a game like that because it just showed us that we had to fight back and find other ways to win," Oweh said. "We weren't doing so well on the offensive end, so we had to dig down and get some stops. We just needed a game like that to dig down deep and just try and find a way."

WKU became the only team aside from Duke

to be within 10 points of the Wildcats in the second half as a three-point play from Julius Thedford cut the Wildcats lead to 57-51 with 11:54 left to play. Looking to pull away, the Wildcats used a 12-4 run which featured seven points from Oweh to take a 16-point lead with 8:28 to play.

After the run, UK's lead never dipped below 10 points for the remainder of the game.

Andrew Carr posted a double-double in the victory as he scored 18 points by shooting 6-for-8 from the field, pulled down a season-high 10 rebounds to log his first double-double as a Wildcat, dished three assists and recorded a block.

Louisville rolls over No. 14 Indiana 89-61 at Atlantis

NASSAU, Bahamas — Chucky Hepburn had 16 points, 10 assists and seven steals, Noah Waterman also had 16 points and Louisville beat No. 14 Indiana 89-61 on Wednesday in the opening game of the Battle 4 Atlantis.

Louisville (4-1) beat a ranked team for the first time since topping Virginia Tech 73-71 on Jan. 6, 2021.

Kasean Pryor scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half and Reyne Smith added 12 points for Louisville.

Malik Reneau scored 21 points and Oumar Ballo added 11 for Indiana (4-1). Reneau reached 20-plus points for the eighth time in his career.

The Cardinals led 37-29 at the break after making 7 of 17 from

3-point range and shooting 57% overall. Indiana missed six straight shots on two occasions in the first half, sandwiched around a string of seven missed field goals, as the Cardinals shot 9 of 29 (31%).

Louisville exploded for 52 second-half points by shooting 66.7% from the field. Pryor missed only one of his six shots in the second half.

KEY MOMENT

Louisville quickly built a commanding lead in the second half after starting on an 11-2 run, highlighted by Pryor's fast-break dunk. The lead reached 30 on freshman Khani Rooths' alley-oop dunk that came during the Cardinals' 16-0 run for a 78-40 lead.

KEY STATS

Louisville entered the week ranked sixth in the country in 3-point attempts per game at 34. The Cardinals attempted 27 against Indiana and made 10 of them — with four apiece from Waterman and Smith. Louisville also came into the game averaging 19 forced turnovers per game. The Cardinals scored 30 points off 23 Indiana turnovers.

UP NEXT

Louisville, which played its first road game of the season, faced West Virginia on Thursday. Indiana played No. 3 Gonzaga — an 86-78 overtime loser to West Virginia on Wednesday — in the consolation bracket.

Bowl-bound Louisville, rival Kentucky battle for Bluegrass bragging rights

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bluegrass State bragging rights are at stake when bowl-bound Louisville visits archrival Kentucky in the annual battle for the Governor's Cup.

The Wildcats will miss the postseason for the first time in eight years but can salvage their disappointing season with their sixth straight rivalry win.

The Cardinals await their bowl assignment but look to end their recent skid against Kentucky. They are coming off a 37-9 rout of Pittsburgh in which they rolled up 505 yards and enter with the nation's No. 13 passing offense at 285.5 yards per game. Kentucky fell 31-17 at No. 3 Texas, its fifth loss in six games.

Louisville (7-4) at Kentucky (4-7)
TV: Noon on Saturday (SEC)

BetMGM College Football Odds: Louisville by 3 1/2.
Series record: Kentucky leads, 20-15.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Kentucky's 31-14 loss at No. 3 Texas was its fifth in six games and eliminated the Wildcats from the postseason for the first time since 2015. They hope to end the season on a high note with their sixth consecutive Governor's Cup victory over archrival Louisville. The bowl-bound Cardinals seek their first Cup win since 2017 with Heisman Trophy-winning QB Lamar Jackson. They visit Lexington after routing Pittsburgh 37-9 in their ACC finale and received 24 votes in the AP Top 25 poll.



Louisville quarterback Tyler Shough throws against Stanford during the second half Nov. 16 in Stanford, Calif.

KEY MATCHUP

Louisville's passing attack vs. Kentucky's pass defense. The Cardinals threw for 293 of their 505 yards against Pitt and rank 13th nationally at (284.8 yards per game) behind QB Tyler Shough. Kentucky's defense stands 28th at 188.7 allowed per contest and also ranks in the top 30 in other defensive categories including red zone defense (71%, fourth) and scoring (20.4, 26th).

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Louisville: Shough. The seventh-year Texas Tech transfer has played every game for the first time in his career and achieved passing bests of 3,067 yards and 23 touchdowns, surpassing his previous three seasons combined with the Red Raiders. Shough is Louisville's

13th quarterback with 3,000 yards and enters as the Atlantic Coast Conference's No. 3 passer at nearly 279 per game with just six interceptions on 63.3% accuracy.

Kentucky QB Cutter Boley. The true freshman and Kentucky native will make his first collegiate start after posting another impressive second half in relief of Brock Vandagriff at Texas. Boley has completed 20 of 32 passes for 290 yards and two touchdowns the past two weeks, including 10 of 18 for a career-high 160 yards at Texas. Boley's first attempt against the Longhorns went for 43 yards.

FACTS & FIGURES

The Governor's Cup is 33 inches high, weighs 110 pounds and features marble, crystal and 23-karat gold-plated brass and pewter. ... Louisville intercepted passes by three different Pitt quarterbacks. ... Cardinals WR Ja'Corey Brooks (1,013 yards) is the 11th receiver in school history to reach 1,000. ... LB Stanquan Clark recorded his first two career interceptions against Pitt and earned the ACC's weekly position honor. ... Kentucky finished 1-7 in SEC play. ... RB Demie Sumo-Karngbaye (535 yards, five TDs) needs 21 rushing yards to reach 1,000 career. ... Kentucky has won its last 19 non-conference regular season games, second only to Georgia (24). ... The Wildcats will honor 17 seniors in their home finales.

Indiana staying in the mix at No. 10 despite a lopsided loss of its own

BY EDDIE PELLIS

AP NATIONAL WRITER

The Southeastern Conference's losses were almost everyone else's gain in the College Football Playoff rankings, with SMU nudging its way into the top 12 and Indiana staying in the mix at No. 10 despite a lopsided loss of its own.

The 12-team bracket released Tuesday placed undefeated Oregon on top for the fourth straight week. It did not include Alabama or Mississippi of the SEC, both of which suffered their third losses of the season last week.

That helped move SMU up four spots to No. 9, joining No. 6 Miami to give the Atlantic Coast Conference

two teams in the 12-team bracket. They could meet in the ACC title game in two weeks. Clemson, ranked 12th, is also in the mix.

"We've been in that position where, so far, our resume hadn't been good enough, so we needed some help," SMU coach Rhett Lashlee said a few hours before the rankings were released.

All eyes were on Indiana, and how harshly the committee would penalize the Hoosiers for their first loss of the season, a 38-15 thumping by No. 2 Ohio State. Indiana coach Curt Cignetti scoffed at the idea the Hoosiers weren't a playoff team. The selec-

tion committee agreed, only bumping the Hoosiers down five spots.

"We were impressed with some of the things Indiana did," said Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel, the chair of the selection committee. "They dropped five but we still felt their body of work was strong enough to remain in the top 10."

The committee wasn't nearly as generous to the Big 12. Losses by its top two teams last week — BYU and Colorado — vaulted Arizona State, which beat BYU, into the bracket.

The Sun Devils were ranked 16th. That afforded them the 12th and final spot in the bracket as the fifth-best projected conference champ, but gave the Big 12 the distinct feel of



David Campbell
Southwestern's Haylee Crawford (12) steals an inbound pass intended for Madison's Berlynn Conover (34) during the Girls' JV Turkey Shootout on Monday. The unbeaten Rebels rolled to a 54-6 win.



David Campbell
Madison's Zachary Vinup (14) blocks the shot of Southwestern's Trevor Swalley (12) during the boys junior varsity portion of the Turkey Shootout on Monday. Southwestern won the game 39-30.

Southwestern sweeps Madison in Junior Turkey Shootout

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Southwestern used big runs in both the girls and boys games to claim a sweep of Madison in the junior varsity portion of the annual Turkey Shootout on Monday at Madison.

The unbeaten Lady Rebels ripped off a 23-0 run to take control and blow away winless Madison 54-6 in the girls game while the boys outscored the Cubs 27-9 over the final quarter and a half to win 39-30.

Ava Smith hit a 3-pointer two minutes into the girls game to give Madison a 3-2 lead. But that was the lone bright spot for the Cubs as Southwestern eventually took control and pull away for the dominating win.

Southwestern (5-0) led 13-3 after the first quarter but used the 23-0 run to take a 27-5 lead into the half. The Rebels then outscored Madison 31-1 in the second half to dominate the win.

Baleigh McAfee led the bal-

anced Southwestern scoring attack with 14 points while Sophie Ford chipped in 10. Savannah Nussbaum and Mikayla Nussbaum each added nine points while Annie Ford, Haylee Crawford and Chloe Sprayberry scored four each.

Smith had four points and Berlynn Conover had two for Madison (0-5).

Madison returns to action on Tuesday when the Cubs host Floyd Central. Southwestern,

meanwhile, hosts Medora on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The boys game was much closer with Madison leading much of the way before the Rebels closed the contest on a tear to seize the win.

Madison led 7-4 after the first quarter and 19-12 at the half. The Cubs pushed that lead to 21-12 early in the third quarter before Southwestern caught fire.

The Rebels outscored Madi-

son 13-6 in the third to tie the game 25-25 then beat the Cubs 14-5 in the fourth for the win.

Jeter Chatham had 13 points and Luke Morrow scored 10 for the Rebels, who also got eight points from Kaedon Higgins. Zachary Vinup had 11 points and Logan Finnegan 10 for Madison.

Southwestern hosts Shawe on Thursday, Dec. 5 while Madison hosts Jennings County on Friday, Dec. 6.

HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Switzerland boys open with win over Oldenburg

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Switzerland County boys basketball opened the season with a 65-46 win at home over Oldenburg Academy on Tuesday.

The Pacers led 15-7 after the first quarter and 32-14 at halftime before cruising to the win.

Cam Craig scored 26 points to lead Switzerland County, Isaac Williams had 13 and Carson Griffith and Cale Collier scored seven each.

Switzerland, now 1-0 on the season, hosts Lawrenceburg on Saturday. The Pacers then travel to Clarksville on Friday,

Dec. 6.

HILLTOPPERS BEAT CAI
Shawe girls basketball scored a 64-53 win over Christian Academy of Indiana at home on Monday.

The Hilltoppers jumped out to a 25-8 lead after the first quarter and fended off a late rally to pick

up the win.

Audrey Barron scored 27 points and Allison Knoebel had 21 to lead Shawe. Jamison Williams added eight points and Ava Turner scored six.

Shawe, now 4-2 on the season, travels to Southwestern on Friday, Dec. 6.

LADY PACERS FALL TO DECATUR
Switzerland County suffered a 63-18 loss at North Decatur on Wednesday.

The Pacers, now 1-4 on the season, head to Class 2A No. 2 Austin on Saturday and to Milan next Tuesday.

COURIER AREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF
— Shawe's Audrey Barron has been named Ohio River Valley Conference girls basketball player of the week.

Barron had 52 points, 16 rebounds, 10 assists and seven steals in two games for

the Hilltoppers last week.

— Shawe lost a pair of junior high boys basketball games at Trimble County on Monday.

The seventh grade fell 39-33. Patrick Kahn and Johnny Cooke scored nine

points each to lead Shawe.

The eighth grade lost 47-36. Clark Nichter had 15 points for Shawe and Luke Demaree scored 11.

— Switzerland County defeated Oldenburg Academy 40-21 in junior varsity

boys basketball on Tuesday.

Corbin Craig had 10 points for the Pacers and Austin Johns scored eight.

Switzerland, now 1-0, hosts Lawrenceburg on Saturday. The Pacers then travel to Clarksville on Friday, Dec. 6.



David Campbell
Madison coach Danny Gibson (right) goes over a play with Carlos Salom (4), Landon True (3) and Damon Harden (13) during the boys Turkey Shootout on Wednesday.



David Campbell
Southwestern's Braxton Lewis (4) chases down Madison's Landon True (with ball) during the Turkey Shootout on Wednesday.

PUNCH

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drilled a 3-pointer to cut that margin in half. Southwestern then promptly threw the ball away, giving Madison possession with 20 seconds to go.

But the Rebels' defense held firm, forcing a missed shot and Braxton Lewis hit a pair of free throw within seven seconds to go to ice the win.

It wasn't an easy win, but Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum was more than happy to take it.

"I'm so proud of our guys to weather the storm. Obviously, no one expected them to come

Southwestern shot 36% (19-for-53) from the floor including just 2-of-17 from 3-point range. But the Rebels made up for it with a 16-for-20 performance at the free-throw line

in and knock down 11 threes. Credit to them for the offensive part. Not a great credit to us for the defensive part," Nussbaum said. "Coach (Danny) Gibson did a great job getting their boys ready. But credit to our boys; you lose the 3-point battle by 25 points and still find a way to win on the road in front of this many

fans. I couldn't be more proud of our guys for how they finished the game."

Gibson, a former Madison star who played professionally in Europe for more than a decade, was making his debut as coach of his alma mater. Like Nussbaum, he was happy with his team's play. He just knows that there are a few things that need to be cleaned up.

"I can't fault the effort. They followed my game plan almost to a tee," Gibson said. "It was our first game. We're extremely short-handed and I'm just proud of them because they went out there and fought. We had a lot of guys that played the whole game, the guys were cramping and everything. If we play like

that, I think we're gonna be victorious a lot of nights."

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Cook had 21 points and eight rebounds to lead Southwestern while Landon Kidwell had 10 points and nine rebounds.

True scored 23 points while Harden, who hit five 3-pointers, scored 17 points and had seven rebounds.

Both teams now take more than a week off before returning to action on Friday, Dec. 6 with home games. Southwestern hosts Shawe while the Cubs take on Jennings County.



David Campbell
Southwestern's Brady Cook (5) blocks the shot of Madison's Damon Harden during the Turkey Shootout on Wednesday.

Hagel ties NHL record as Lightning beat Avalanche 8-2

TAMPA, Fla. — Brandon Hagel tied an NHL record with four assists in the opening period and finished with five as the Tampa Bay Lightning cruised past the Colorado Avalanche 8-2 on Monday.

Jake Guentzel scored twice while Mikey Eyssimont, Nikita Kucherov, Brayden Point, Nick Perbix, Anthony Cirelli and Luke Glendening also scored for Tampa Bay. Hagel tied a franchise record with five assists.

Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 23 shots.

Ivan Ivan scored both goals for Colorado, which had a three-game winning streak come to an end. Justus Annunen, who was pulled in the first period but returned for the third, allowed five goals on 16 shots. Alexandar Georgiev allowed three goals on 17 shots.

TAKEAWAYS

Avalanche: Colorado ended a four-game road trip with a record of 3-1. The Avalanche had won six of the previous seven games. ... Ivan registered

his first career multi-goal game.

Lightning: Cirelli scored for the sixth consecutive game to become the sixth player in franchise history to record a goal in at least six consecutive games, joining Steven Stamkos, Kucherov, Brian Bradley, Point and Vinny Lecavalier. ... Zengus Girgensons recorded his 100th career assist.

KEY MOMENT

After the Lightning jumped out to a 2-0 lead on Guentzel's power-play goal 7:46 into the first, the Avalanche cut the deficit in half 70 seconds later. But Kucherov scored 1:07 later to regain the two-goal lead and chase Annunen, who allowed three goals on six shots in 10:03.

KEY STAT

Tampa Bay's five goals in the first period marked the fourth time in franchise history the Lightning have scored five goals in the opening period, done most recently on Feb. 23, 2011, against the Phoenix Coyotes.

Alabama A&M player remains in stable condition

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Alabama A&M linebacker Medrick Burnett Jr. remains hospitalized with a head injury suffered in an October game, the school said hours after announcing that he had died.

The athletic department sent out a retraction Wednesday on the status of Burnett, who was injured in a game against Alabama State on Oct. 26. The second statement said that the initial news of Burnett's death came “from an immediate family member on Tuesday evening.”

“Our staff acted accordingly to the wishes of the family member to inform the A&M community and beyond of this unfortunate occurrence,” Wednesday evening's statement said. “Upon hearing from a representative from UAB

Hospital this afternoon, we learned that he remains alive.

“We express our immediate regret for disseminating false information. However, we hold complete joy in knowing that Medrick remains in stable condition.”

A statement on the gofundme.com page for Burnett said Wednesday: “Please pray he is having a tough time but we are holding on til the very end. God give us strength so we can keep the faith.”

The redshirt freshman from Lakewood, California, joined Alabama A&M's team over the summer after starting his college career at Grambling State.

Burnett played in seven games and made five tackles, including three against Austin Peay.

GAMES TO WATCH

Michigan at No. 2 Ohio State: A Buckeyes win sets up a rematch with Oregon in the Big Ten title game (with a third meeting possible in the playoffs).

No. 3 Texas at No. 20 Texas A&M: The winner plays Georgia for the SEC title. The Longhorns would presumably make the 12-team bracket either way.

No. 15 South Carolina at No. 12 Clemson: The Palmetto Bowl for a chance to stay on the fringes of consideration for the CFP.

THIS WEEK'S PROJECTED MATCHUPS

Teams listed by seed, not ranking.

No. 12 Arizona State at No. 5 Ohio State: Fun fact: The Big 12 is NOT guaranteed a spot in these playoffs, and Tulane of the American Athletic Conference is No. 17, only one spot behind ASU.

No. 9 Tennessee at No. 8 Georgia: The Bulldogs are vulnerable to a third loss in the SEC title game. This would be rematch of Georgia's 31-17 win on Nov. 16.

No. 11 Indiana at No. 6 Penn State: An argument could be made that had these Big Ten foes played this season, both might not be here.

No. 10 SMU at No. 7 Notre Dame: They haven't squared off since 1989, but are scheduled to play again in 2026.

		Jefferson Switzerland Trimble/ Carroll	FRIDAY EVENING										
			6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3	WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Big Ten	College Football	Nebraska at Iowa (N) (Live)					WAV..
4	WTTV	4		(4:00)	College Football		Sheldon	Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods (N)		Blue Bloods	CBS4..
5	WLWT	2		News	Light Up (N)		College Football	Nebraska at Iowa (N) (Live)					News
8	WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Reindeer	Childr..	Childr..	News (N)		News
9	WCPO	23		(3:30) Fo..	Studio	Studio	College Football	Georgia Tech at Georgia (N) (Live)					News
11	WHAS	11	4	(3:30) Fo..	Studio	Studio	College Football	Georgia Tech at Georgia (N) (Live)					News
15	WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)		Comm..	Week	Lookingglass Alice			BBCN..
19	WXIX	10		College Basketball				College Football Utah at UCF (N) (Live)					
32	WLKY	5	5	(4:00)	College Football		Jeopar..	Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods (N)		Blue Bloods	News
34	WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	Conners	Sheldon	BigBa..	Reindeer	Childr..	Childr..	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41	WDRB	8	9	College Basketball				College Football Utah at UCF (N) (Live)					
A&E	28	36		The First 48		The First 48		First 48 (N)		Cold Case (N)		Killer Cases (N)	First48
AMC	29	26		*** Sixteen Candles ('84)				*** Beetlejuice ('88)				* The Princess Bride	
COM	45	59		Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush (N)		(:10) Last W. (N)		(:10) Gold	
DISN	25	29		Big City	Big City	At The Edge		* Descendants: Rise of R...		BigCity		Mickey	Ladyb..
ESPN	32	44		(5:30) College Basketball		NBA Basketball						(:05) NBA Basketball	
FREE	18	40		(4:30) * Santa Cl...	(:55) * Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause			*** Dr. Seuss' The Grinch ('18)					700Club
FX	40	28		(4:00) * Jungle C...	*** Moana ('16) Auli'i Cravalho.							*** Moana ('16)	
HBO	201	17		(:55) James	* Mike & Dave Need Wedding Da...			Music Box: (N)				(:40) Dune	
MAX	270	73		Movie	(:35) * Paranormal Activi...			*** Black Christmas		(:35) *** Cabin Fever		Movie	
NEWSNTN	20	20		The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)	
PARMT	35	41		Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellow..	
PARSHO	221	16		(5:00) * Casino Royale	(:25) *** Pig ('21)			*** Inglourious Basterds ('09) Brad Pitt.					
TMC	233	74		(:05) *** Bad News Bears ('05)	*** Scrooged ('88)			(:45) * Christmas Classic					Movie
TNT	27	43		NHLP..	NHL Hockey							NHL Hockey	
USA	26	33		(4:40) * Harry Potter & th...	Grinch	Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				Scare		Hysteria! (N)	

		Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	SATURDAY EVENING										
				6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3	WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Big Ten	College Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)						WAV..	
4	WTTV	4		(3:30) Football		Postga..	Sheldon	Reindeer		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		CBS4..
5	WLWT	2		News (N)		Big Ten	College Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)						News	
8	WISH	12		(3:00) Fo..	College Football	Wyoming at Washington State (N) (Live)					News (N)		News	
9	WCPO	23		(3:30) Fo..	Studio	Studio	College Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)						News	
11	WHAS	11	4	(3:30) Fo..	Studio	Studio	College Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)						News	
15	WKPC	13		(4:30) L. Welk		60s and 70s Soul (N)						Bee Gees-Time		
19	WXIX	10		(3:30) Football		Extra	College Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)						Floor	
32	WLKY	5	5	(3:30) Football		Postga..	Jeopar..	Reindeer		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		News
34	WBKI	7	7	(3:00) Fo..	College Football	Wyoming at Washington State (N) (Live)					TBA	TBA		
41	WDRB	8	9	(3:30) Football		Extra	College Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)						News	
A&E		28	36	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC		29	26	(5:00) * Great O...	*** Christmas With the Kranks			*** Christmas With the Kranks			Movie			
COM		45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	(:20) The Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Movie
DISC		31	38	(5:00) Expedition	Expedition			Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedi..
DISN		25	29	Big City	Big City	Place	Place	* The Naughty Nine		BigCity	Ghost	Ladyb..	Jessie	
ESPN		32	44	(3:30) Fo..	Scoreb..	College Football Oklahoma at LSU (N) (Live)					Scoreb.. /(:15) Football			
FREE		18	40	(5:20) * Dr. Seus...	(:20) *** Rataouille ('07) Patton Oswalt.			*** The Lion King						
FX		40	28	(5:30) * Thor: Love and Thunder	*** Guardians of the Galaxy ('14)			The Guardians						
HBO		201	17	(5:45) D..	(:55) Dune "Two Wolves"	*** Man of Steel ('13) Henry Cavill.					(:25) Dune			
MAX		270	73	(5:25) *** The Revenant ('15)	*** Immortals ('11)			(:50) * Hitman: Agent 47 ('15)						
NEWSNTN		20	20	NewsNation (N)	NewsNation (N)	NewsNation (N)	NewsNation (N)	NewsNation (N)	NewsNation (N)	NewsNation	NewsN..			
PARMT		35	41	(5:25) Y..	Yellowstone	(:45) Yellowstone			(:25) Yellowstone		(:50) Yellowstone			
PARSHO		221	16	(5:10) *** Faster	*** The Hateful Eight ('15) Samuel L. Jackson.					* The Dead Don't Hurt				
TMC		233	74	*** The Lincoln Lawyer ('11)	*** Tropic Thunder ('08)			* The Truman Show						
TNT		27	43	Rampage (N)		College Basketball				College Basketball				
USA		26	33	(5:30) *** Man of Steel ('13) Henry Cavill.			*** Man of Steel ('13) Amy Adams, Henry Cavill.							

		Jefferson Switzerland Trimble/ Carroll	SUNDAY EVENING											
			6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11	
3	WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Football (N)		(:15) Football San Francisco 49ers at Buffalo Bills (N) (Live)						
4	WTTV	4		(4:25) NFL Football			60 Minutes (N)			Tracker (N)		Equalizer (N)		CBS4..
5	WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Football (N)		(:15) Football San Francisco 49ers at Buffalo Bills (N) (Live)						
8	WISH	12		News	VeryV..	* Operation Mistletoe ('24) (P)			Penn & Teller		News	Sports	News	
9	WCPO	23		News	World..	Videos (N)		Wonderful-Disney (N)			Light Fight		News	
11	WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Videos (N)		Wonderful-Disney (N)			Light Fight		News	
15	WKPC	13		(4:30) AL..	Carole King and James Taylor			Tricki & Friends (N)			Masterpiece			
19	WXIX	10		(4:00) Football	Burgers		Krapo..	Simpso..	Univer..	Burgers	Krapo..	FOX19 (N)	FOX19	
32	WLKY	5	5	(4:25) NFL Football			60 Minutes (N)			Tracker (N)		Equalizer (N)		TBA
34	WBKI	7	7	BigBa..	BigBa..	* Operation Mistletoe ('24) (P)			Penn & Teller		The Grand		ModF..	
41	WDRB	8	9	Planet	Space	Burgers		Krapo..	Simpso..	Univer..	Burgers	Krapo..	News (N) (Live)	News
A&E	28	36		Alaska PD		Alaska PD		Alaska PD		Alaska PD		Alaska PD		Alaska..
AMC	29	26		(5:00) * Vegas V...		* National Lampoon's Christmas ...			(:15) * * * * Elf ('03) Will Ferrell.			Movie		
COM	45	59		(5:30) * Daddy's Home 2		* * * We're the Millers ('13)						Family..	Family..	Family..
DISC	31	38		Homestead Rescue (N)				Homestead "Hawaii-Five-No" (N)			Homestead		Homes..	
DISN	25	29		Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	* Christmas...Again?!			Shorts..	(:10) Kiff	Phineas	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	44		Volleyball		SportCtr (N)		SportC..	30 for 30 Chasing Tyson		30 for 30 42 to 1			SportC..
FREE	18	40		Movie (:45) * * * * Home Alone ('90)						(:15) * Home Alone 2: Lost in New York				
FX	40	28		* * * * The Santa Clause ('94)				* * * The Santa Clause 2 ('02)			* Santa Clause 3: Escape...			
HBO	201	17		Movie (:45) Dune		(:50) Dune "Two Wolves"			Dune (N)		Someb..	Someb..	Dune	
MAX	270	73		(:20) * * * Ride Along 2 ('16)				* Magic Mike's Last Da...			(:50) * * * * The Lovers ('17) (P)			
NEWSNTN	20	20		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41		(5:35) Y..	(:45) Yellowstone			Yellowstone (N)		(:05) The Agency		(:25) Yellowstone		
PARSHO	221	16		Movie (:25) * * * * Inglourious Basterds ('09)					The Agency (P)		The Agency (N)		Agency	
TMC	233	74		* Sweeney Todd: Demon Barber ...				* Last Voyage of the Demeter			* * * * Pearl ('22)			
TNT	27	43		(5:00) * Pirates of the Caribbean: D...				* * * Pirates of the Caribbean: At			World's End ('07)			
USA	26	33		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle

by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

1 Stick in your ____

5 Crawled

10 Baseball hat

13 '90s fitness program: 2 wds.

14 Word of greeting

15 Word of understanding

16 Church table

17 Foreign

18 "Wait one ____!"

19 Post-Thanksgiving shopping time: 2 wds.

21 Took a chair

22 Epic story

23 Finely chopped

24 Furniture for sleeping

25 Author Harte

27 Type

29 ____ and feather

32 People named in wills

35 Tub soaks

38 Off-the-wall

40 Consume

41 Do better than

42 Allege

43 Barrel part

45 Pig's dwelling

46 Profound

48 Memory aid when shopping

50 Gangsters' guns

52 Makes mad

55 Dry as a desert

59 "____ you for real?"

60 Device that vends Cokes: 2 wds.

62 In medias ____

63 Musical set in Argentina

64 Supermarket path

65 "Rizzoli & Isles" network

66 Religious belief

67 Knight's horse

68 Owns

69 Drum kit part

70 Eyelash dye

DOWN

1 Lily variety

2 Put a new price on

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

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Today's Puzzle Solved

1 N I L

2 E R V N S

3 S V H

4 D E L S

5 J E N E L

6 J N L

7 E T S I V

8 V L I A E

9 S E R

10 E N I H C

11 V W V D O S

12 E R V

13 D I R V

14 S E T I R

15 S J V G

16 J S E I T

17 P E E D

18 A J S

19 E A V J S

20 W I V T C

21 D N E N O

22 J V E

23 A D O O T

24 S H J V B

25 S R I E H

26 R V L

27 J R O S

28 J E R B

29 S D E B

30 D E C I R

31 V G V S

32 J V S

33 A V D I R

34 K C V T B

35 C E S

36 N E I T V

37 R V J T V

38 V H V

39 O T T E H

40 O B E V T

41 P V C

42 T P E R C

43 M A R C

44 I m p a s s e

45 H u m b l e d w e l l i n g

46 S e c r e t a g e n t

47 B a k e d d e s s e r t s

48 C r e d i t c a r d b r a n d

49 D e m o n s t r a t e d

50 F r e n c h - s p e a k i n g

51 P a c i f i c i s l a n d

52 S i n g e r B r o o k s

53 B o x i n g v e n u e

54 A c t r e s s M e n z e l

55 "B y e !"

56 U p

57 A r m o f t h e s e a

58 O w n e r ' s d o c u m e n t

59 P a c i f i c i s l a n d

60 H a r d e n s

61 G r o u p o f a c t o r s

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ACROSS

1 Classroom furniture

6 Peachy-__

10 Credentialed tax experts: Abbr.

14 Mathematical relationship

15 Doing nothing

16 Bring on staff

17 In any way: 2 wds.

18 Top-ten ____

19 Oklahoma city

20 Where Vikings play

22 Lead to

23 "There's more!"

24 ____-and-pop shop

25 Element in bronze

26 Road below a bridge

29 Car's honker

32 Casual shirts

33 Retained

37 Not at home

38 Valentine shape

39 Square footage

40 Big rig

41 Pendulum paths

42 Cover that protects against rain

43 Being

47 Shout loudly

50 Murmur lovingly

51 "____ of a gun!"

54 Essay pages

55 Bedevil

58 Alien-hunting group: Abbr.

59 Storyline

60 Windshield treatments

61 Actress Moran

62 Lack of difficulty

63 Group of eight

64 Performed vocally

65 Grew older

66 Approaches

DOWN

1 Serious play

2 Don't dine out: 2 wds.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

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Today's Puzzle Solved

3 G e t u p

4 B r i c k - b a k i n g o v e n

5 S o m b e r

6 M e t r i c d i s t a n c e u n i t s

7 R e v i s e

8 "F r o z e n" q u e e n

9 W o r k w i t h o u t a

10 P e n n y - p i n c h e r

11 S e x y p o s t e r

12 C o m e u p

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Mother worries about care for disabled son after she's gone

Dear Eric: My psychologically disabled adult son, who suffers from chronic physical illnesses, will live with me for the remainder of my life. His medications, doctor visits and hospitalizations with multiple surgeries take up most of his disability income. I was informed by my attorney to have an executor of my will selected to allow him to continue to get his disability pay so that his assets would not show over the required amount.

Most of the people I know that could do this are my age (70), and all of us could die, leaving him in a predicament. My younger friend in her 40s is an ideal person for this, but she is hesitant to take on such a role.

My understanding is that when he needs money, he would call her, and she would simply deposit that money from my account to his. The bills would be auto-paid. Everything else is in trust. I was also told a bank or financial planner could take this role but would charge high fees, and my son's severe social anxiety would not allow him to communicate with someone not known to him. Do you have any suggestions for me?

— Concerned For The Future

Dear Concerned: I talked to attorney Lindsey Weidenbach, who has expertise in estate planning, to get some best practices.

While, of course, she couldn't provide legal advice, she helped me to get a better understanding of the factors at play. She pointed out that estate programs can last for years, requiring significant mental capacity and time to manage, including making an inventory of assets. So, part of your friend's hesitation may be related to the scope of the duties required of an executor. I'm curious if you've discussed the option of making someone a trustee of the trust, which may have a more limited set of duties

— i.e., the phone calls from your son that you outlined. This also would provide a check-and-balance system that doesn't involve your friend accessing your account.

It's also possible that your friend sees the amount of care you provide and is unsure of her ability to take on that role. Presuming you've thought through what services or professionals can help your son in the way that you do, you should talk it through with your friend. Does your son need transportation help? Will he need a medical advocate? Giving your friend a clear, honest understanding of what's being asked will help her.

R. ERIC THOMAS
ASKING ERIC

Husband 'cheated' by watching TV show without wife

Dear Eric: My husband of six months and I do pretty much everything together. I recommended we watch a Netflix series together, and we are both deeply engrossed.

The other night, I was tired from my workday, and he suggested I go to bed early. He mentioned finishing the latest episode, since it had just started. I said that sounded fine. I woke up over two hours later for a drink of water, and there he was, still up, five episodes past where we left off.

In fact, he had actually finished all of that season's episodes.

I feel unusually hurt by this. I feel somehow duped. When I tried to explain it, he did apologize, but still, I feel hurt by this. It isn't so much the act of sitting and watching a series, it was that we had a shared experience together, and somehow it feels ruined. One of the reasons this time was important to me is that he has always stressed how "we do everything together" proudly.

Yet, he now says I am being petty and making too big a deal of this, and he even said that now he refuses to watch

again. Can you help me figure out what is going on here?

— Tuned Out

Dear Tuned Out: Many couples have found themselves in clashes worthy of a "Grey's Anatomy" subplot because of what I call "streaming cheating." That's where, as happened to you, one person sneaks ahead in the queue without the other person. It's an epidemic.

And it's, partially, because these streaming services are set up with the express purpose of tempting us to keep watching. It's in the way the episodes start right after each other and even in the way that some shows always end on breathtaking cliffhangers. Your husband should have stuck to the agreement you made, yes, but we're all at the mercy of the algorithm sometimes.

For the sake of your young marriage, chalk this up to a modern hiccup, rather than a sign of deeper trust issues. And have a conversation where you and your husband can clear the air, so that plans you make for future activities don't keep dredging this one thing up. I hope that you'll continue enjoying doing everything together, even if that "everything" occasionally means one of you rewatching an episode or two that one of you already saw.

R. ERIC THOMAS
ASKING ERIC

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be fully present when someone shares their thoughts. Sometimes the greatest gift may be lending an empathetic ear or offering inspirational ideas. When you're out and about, flash a genuine smile at people and share some sunshine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — An unexpected opportunity to expand your portfolio may be coming your way. Consider taking any necessary steps now so that you are ready to say yes. The possibilities that an offer could create might be more than just a steppingstone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Being more generous and thoughtful could lead to you making some new friends. Consider paying for the coffee of the person behind you or holding the door open for someone. Small gestures could have a ripple effect on others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may be entering a time of greater clarity and able to understand your emotions and urges better than before. There could be a lot to learn by observing your reactions to challenges. Life may improve as you grow into a new outlook.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There may be days when you feel like you're out of balance. A broader understanding could bring clarity to everything and possibly help you glide easily through decisions and projects. Lean into your truth and learn how to express it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When you have a goal to achieve, your aim may become straighter and truer along the way. You might depend on close companions and the counsel of faithful friends to guide your hand. Keep extra money tucked away for

a rainy day.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Follow the urge. You might find your creative impulses exploding when you discover inspiration in new experiences. Your greatest talent may be your ability to see how all the pieces fit together and the amazing reality it can produce.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — A do-or-die attitude might help you see your goals through to completion. Be careful that you are being realistic about the outcomes and what might be required. You could be at odds with someone close over your latest passion project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Reflect on the kindness others have shown you recently. Consider sending a thank-you note or a heartfelt email. Sprinkle some gratitude confetti around and watch how it brightens not only your day but also the lives of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You might love to be seen as successful but may need more capital to realize your dreams. Consider waiting until next week to create a plan of action for your goals. Focus on spending time with loved ones and favorite pastimes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may use willpower to tackle major commitments and handle changing situations. See your goal through to a satisfying and fulfilling end. With determination and grit, you could have the tenacity to hold on to what you've got.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Relax and bask in the warm afterglow that may come from seeing your loved ones. Whether it's from your partner, your best friend, or a fluffy pet, hugs can be nourishing and comforting. Find ways to recharge your emotional batteries.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Before you see a new house, someone's gone through to touch up all the paint and check the fixtures. Conducting your own personal inspection and making appropriate changes could make you more successful and ready to face the coming week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The people around you could give you the stimulus you need to make your next great leap. Talking to them at length may lead to your ideas flowing in new directions. Learn to show gratitude for your loved ones and your community.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may feel called to surprise someone with a token of your appreciation. Endear yourself to friends by picking up the tab at lunch or sharing some holiday treats. This could be a chance to offer apologies and mend fences with others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Sometimes an argument may stem from an error in communication or emotional translation. Consider slowing down long enough to consider if you understand what was meant. There could be a different way to translate a message.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be ready to enjoy upcoming changes and new opportunities. There might be heightened competition for a top spot you had your eyes on. It could be helpful to update your portfolio or ask for support from someone you admire.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may be feeling like things have become stagnant, but you could be reaching a turning point. A friend or local group could give you a whole new outlook on things. Consider

being open to listening to a partner about important matters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Little acts of kindness are like heart emojis in real life. Remember that time a stranger held the door open for you or when someone let you merge in traffic. Pay it forward by being a good Samaritan when an occasion arises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your weekend may be filled with exciting changes as your inner circle or a partner shares good news or experiences. Deep analysis and stamina could be your top two traits that come in handy when working towards your goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — The dynamics of important relationships may be in flux. Be cautious of instinctively fighting to maintain the status quo. Think about whether your needs are being met and how you and your partner might grow and improve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Climbing into bed into freshly changed sheets can be like a mini treat. Enjoyable people and entertainment may also bring spice and variety to your weekend. Consider looking for ways to add refreshing experiences to your day-to-day life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Ample amounts of energy and excitement may be at your fingertips. You may feel at your best when you grab hold of an idea or creative concept and refuse to let go. You could be warming up to launch a new project or mission.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may have been working with your head down for too long. Consider taking the time to look around and remember what you're working towards. A new perspective could give you new insights toward your long-term goals.

Trio leads Indiana Pacers to 3rd straight win

BY PHILLIP B. WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Pascal Siakam matched a season high with 29 points, Tyrese Haliburton had 28 and 10 assists and the Indiana Pacers overcame a sluggish first half to defeat the Portland Trail Blazers 121-114 on Wednesday night.

Bennedict Mathurin added 24 points and 10 rebounds for Indiana.

The Pacers led by 11 entering the final quarter and fended off a Trail Blazers rally as Haliburton scored 12 points and Siakam nine down the stretch for their third consecutive victory.

The Blazers hit nine 3-pointers in the first half and led by as much as 10 in the second quarter. Mathurin rallied the Pacers with 13 points in the quarter to pull the teams even at 60 at halftime.

Anfernee Simons led Portland with 30 points, including six 3-pointers.

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Scot Henderson and Shaedon Sharpe each had 17.

Both teams are now 1-2 in NBA Cup play.

TAKEAWAYS

Blazers: After dictating play and leading for much of the early going, the visitors were unable to recover from shooting lapses in the second half. Portland trimmed an 11-point deficit to two, but started missing again as the Pacers

pulled away. The Blazers are 3-8 on the road.

Pacers: Despite sporadic defense in the first half, Indiana finally found its offensive rhythm in the second half as the familiar formula of Siakam, Mathurin and Haliburton took turns making shots. The trio have been consistently clutch as Indiana improved to 7-2 at home.

KEY MOMENT

Indiana led by just three when Siakam sank a 3-pointer and hit a 9-foot jumper on back-to-back possessions for a 108-100 lead with 5:07 remaining.

KEY STAT

Mathurin has scored 20 or more points in eight of the past 13 games.

UP NEXT

The Pacers host Detroit Friday.



AP Photo/Michael Conroy
Portland Trail Blazers forward Jabari Walker (34) is fouled by Indiana Pacers center Myles Turner (33) during the first half Wednesday in Indianapolis.

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No. 1 Kansas holds off No. 11 Duke 75-72

Dickinson ejected midway through 2nd half

LAS VEGAS — Dajuan Harris scored 14 points and top-ranked Kansas withstood the ejection of star center Hunter Dickinson to beat No. 11 Duke 75-72 in the Vegas Showdown on Tuesday night.

Dickinson, who entered the game averaging 17.8 points and 10.4 rebounds, received a fragrant-2 foul and was ejected for kicking the Blue Devils' Malique Brown in the head midway through the second half.

Highly touted Duke freshman Cooper Flagg took advantage of Dickinson's absence, and the Blue Devils kept it close all the way to the buzzer.

Zeke Mayo added 12 points for Kansas (6-0), and Dickinson and AJ Storr each scored 11.

Tyrese Proctor led Duke (4-2) with 15 points,

Flagg scored 13, Kon Knueppel had 11 and Sion James finished with 10.

Mayo put Kansas ahead for good when he made a jumper with 1:57 left for a 73-71 lead. Flagg hit a free throw for Duke and Rylan Griffen answered with two foul shots with 2 seconds left.

Kansas has won four of the past five meetings with the Blue Devils and six of eight. Nine of the past 10 meetings have been decided by single digits.

TAKEAWAYS

Kansas: Overcoming the loss of Dickinson could serve the Jayhawks well later in the season.

Duke: Flagg had six points when Dickinson went out, but then on four trips to the lane had two dunks, a layup and a free throw.

KEY MOMENT

Knueppel had a 3-point try rim out at the buzzer that would have forced overtime.

KEY STAT

Duke shot 50% from the field and 42.3% from 3-point range. Kansas shot 49.1% overall and 47.1% from 3.

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All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 15th day of November, 2024

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 Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 2024, Zebulun Hagerty was appointed personal representative of the estate of Mark Wilcocks, deceased, who died on September 16, 2024.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

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AP source: Snell, Dodgers agree to \$182M, 5-year contract

BY RONALD BLUM
AP BASEBALL WRITER

Less than a month after winning the World Series, the Los Angeles Dodgers are spending big again to add one of baseball's best pitchers to their star-studded roster.

Blake Snell and the Dodgers agreed to a \$182 million, five-year contract, according to a person with direct knowledge of the negotiations. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday night because the deal is subject to a successful physical.

The two-time Cy Young Award winner broke the news personally by posting a photo of himself on social media in a Dodgers uniform — No. 7.

Snell gets a \$52 million signing bonus, payable on Jan. 20, and annual salaries of \$26 million, of which \$13 million each year will be deferred. Because Snell is a Washington state resident, the signing bonus will not be subject to California income tax.

Snell would join two-way star Shohei Ohtani and fellow Japanese

right-hander Yoshinobu Yamamoto atop Los Angeles' rotation, giving the Dodgers the first megadeal this offseason following Ohtani's \$700 million, 10-year contract and Yamamoto's \$325 million, 12-year agreement last offseason.

Ohtani didn't pitch this year while recovering from right elbow surgery but is expected back on the mound in 2025. He won his third MVP award — first in the National League — following a huge season at the plate exclusively as a designated hitter.

Yamamoto went 7-2 with a 3.00 ERA in 18 starts as a rookie, then won twice in four October outings.

Down to three healthy starting pitchers during the postseason, Los Angeles overcame a string of injuries to its projected rotation in winning the franchise's second World Series title in five years.

Right-handers Jack Flaherty and Walker Buehler then became free agents this fall, creating more voids on the staff. But the addition of Snell would fill a large one at the top with a legitimate ace.

Snell's \$36.4 million average sal-

ary would rank as the fifth-highest among active deals next year behind Ohtani (\$70 million), Philadelphia pitcher Zack Wheeler (\$42 million), New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge (\$40 million) and Texas pitcher Jacob deGrom (\$37 million). Among expired contracts, it also was exceeded by pitchers Max Scherzer and Justin Verlander (both \$43.33 million) under deals they agreed to with the New York Mets.

ESPN first reported the details of Snell's contract.

Earlier this month, Snell opted out of his deal with San Francisco to become a free agent for the second consecutive offseason after he was slowed by injuries during his lone year with the Giants.

The left-hander agreed in March to a \$62 million, two-year contract that included a \$17 million signing bonus payable on Jan. 15, 2026, a \$15 million salary for 2024 and a \$30 million salary for 2025, of which \$15 million would have been deferred and payable on July 1, 2027.

Snell, who turns 32 next week,

went 5-3 with a 3.12 ERA in 20 starts this year, throwing a no-hitter at Cincinnati on Aug. 2 for one of only 16 individual shutouts in the major leagues this season. He struck out 145 and walked 44 in 104 innings.

He was sidelined between April 19 and May 22 by a strained left adductor and between June 2 and July 9 by a strained left groin.

Snell won Cy Young Awards in 2018 with Tampa Bay and 2023 with San Diego. He is 76-58 with a 3.19 ERA in nine seasons with the Rays (2016-20), Padres (2021-23) and Giants.

Because he turned down a qualifying offer from San Diego last November, the Giants were not eligible to give Snell another one and won't receive draft-pick compensation.

Los Angeles expects All-Star right-hander Tyler Glasnow and three-time Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw back in the rotation next year. Other starting candidates if healthy include right-handers Dustin May, Tony Gonsolin and Bobby Miller.

Ohtani is coming off right elbow surgery in September 2023 and left shoulder surgery on Nov. 5.

Glasnow didn't pitch after Aug. 11 because of right elbow tendinitis.

Kershaw, who turns 37 in March, had foot and knee surgeries on Nov. 7. He declined a \$10 million player option in favor of free agency, but is expected to return to Los Angeles.

May is coming back from Tommy John surgery in July 2023 and from an operation this past July to repair a tear in his esophagus.

Gonsolin spent 2024 rehabbing from Tommy John surgery.

Miller, an 11-game winner as a rookie in 2023, was sidelined early this season by shoulder inflammation. He struggled to a 2-4 record with an 8.52 ERA in 13 big league starts and ended the regular season in the minors.

Yamamoto was sidelined by right triceps tightness between June 15 and Sept. 10, then returned and went 2-0 with a 3.86 ERA in four postseason starts.

Soto could decide next team before or during winter meetings

BY RONALD BLUM
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NEW YORK — Juan Soto appears on a timetable to decide on where to sign either before or during baseball's winter meetings in Dallas, which run from Dec. 8-12.

Soto met with the New York Yankees, New York Mets, Los Angeles Dodgers, Boston Red Sox and Toronto Blue Jays, a person familiar with the negotiations said last week, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details were not announced.

Soto's agent, Scott Boras, asked teams to submit initial offers by Thanksgiving, a second person familiar with the talks said, also on condition of anonymity because it was not announced.

Soto is the top player available among this year's free agents. A four-time All-Star, Soto finished third in AL MVP voting after hitting .288 with 41 homers, 109 RBIs and 129 walks. He has a .285

career average with 201 homers, 592 RBIs and 769 walks over seven major league seasons.

Soto turned down a \$440 million, 15-year offer from Washington in 2022, prompting the Nationals to trade him to San Diego, which then dealt him to the Yankees last December. Soto then combined with Aaron Judge to lead New York to the World Series, where the Yankees lost to the Dodgers.

In his pitch to teams, Boras highlighted that Soto joined Mickey Mantle as the only players with seven RBIs in a World Series at age 21 or younger when he was with Washington, and at 20 became the youngest player with five postseason homers. Soto's .906 postseason OPS through age 25 topped Mantle (.900) and Derek Jeter (.852).

How much money will Soto get?

Soto is likely to seek a record contract, topping Shohei Ohtani's \$700 million, 10-year agreement with the Los Angeles Dodgers last December. That might not mean Soto gets more than \$700 million,

though. Because Ohtani's deal included \$680 million in deferred money payable through 2043, it can be valued by different methods.

For instance, Ohtani's contract is valued at \$46.1 million per season (\$461 million total) under MLB's luxury tax system, which used a 4.43% discount rate. The players' association uses a 5% rate, which puts Ohtani's contract at \$43.8 million per year. For MLB's regular payroll calculations, a 10% discount rates values Ohtani's deal at just \$28.2 million.

Which means if Soto gets even \$462 million without deferred payments, there's an argument that his deal is the most valuable in MLB history.

By average annual value, pitchers Max Scherzer and Justin Verlander are tied for second in baseball history at \$43.33 million as part of contracts they signed with the New York Mets, deals that expired at the end of the 2024 season.

In terms of total value, Ohtani surpassed outfielder Mike Trout's \$426.5 million, 12-year contract with the Los Angeles Angels through 2030.

MLB's longest contract is outfielder Fernando Tatis Jr.'s 14-year deal with the San Diego Padres through 2034.

How could MLB's luxury tax factor into team's bids on Soto?

The Mets, Yankees, Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies all are likely to enter 2025 having paid luxury tax for three straight years, putting them at the highest rate: a 50% surcharge on payroll between \$241 million and \$261 million, 62% from \$261 million to \$281 million, 95% from \$281 million to \$301 million and 110% for each dollar above \$301 million.

Toronto may have dropped below the initial tax threshold this year, pending final figures next month. If the Blue Jays did fall under, their rates next year would reset to 20%, 32%, 62.5% and 80% for the four thresholds.

The winter meetings would be a fitting place for Boras to announce a record deal.


If Soto reaches or announces an agreement at the winter meetings in Dallas' Hilton Anatole, it would be a familiar location for a big Boras deal.

Alex Rodriguez's record \$252 million, 10-year contract with the Texas Rangers was announced in December 2000 at what then was called the Wyndham Anatole Hotel. A-Rod's deal more than doubled MLB's previous high, a \$121 million, eight-year contract between pitcher Mike Hampton and Colorado that was announced just two days earlier.

"In two days, we've doubled a new highest salary," said Sandy Alderson, then an executive vice president in the commissioner's office. "I don't like the exponentiality of that."

Rodriguez was 25 at the time of the agreement with Texas, a free agent before entering his likely prime, like Soto.

To Have a Will or Not To Have a Will, That is the Question



Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
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The question of whether to have a will is a critical consideration for anyone who wishes to have control over how their assets are distributed after their passing. A will serves as a legal document that outlines your wishes regarding the distribution of your property and assets, guardianship of minor children, and other important matters upon your death. Despite its importance, many people overlook or postpone creating a will due to various reasons, while others recognize its significance and prioritize this essential task.

To begin with, having a will provides a clear plan for the distribution of your estate. Without a will, state laws (known as intestacy laws) determine how your assets will be distributed, which may not align with your wishes. By creating a will, you can specify who will inherit your property, belongings, investments, and other assets. This allows you to provide for loved ones, allocate specific items to

individuals, and potentially minimize disputes among family members.

Moreover, a will allows you to appoint guardians for minor children. This is a critical consideration for parents, as it ensures that their children will be cared for by individuals they trust in the event of their untimely passing. Without a will, the court will decide who will assume guardianship, which may not align with your preferences. Another key benefit of having a will is the ability to designate an executor. The executor is responsible for carrying out the instructions outlined in your will, including distributing assets, settling debts, and handling legal matters. By appointing a trusted individual as your executor, you can ensure that your wishes are executed efficiently and according to your intentions.

In addition to the practical benefits, having a will can help minimize stress and uncertainty for your loved ones during a difficult time. A well-drafted will provides clarity and guidance, which can alleviate confusion and potential conflicts among family members. Knowing that your affairs are in order can offer peace of mind both for you and your loved ones.

Despite these compelling reasons to have a will, some individuals may hesitate or delay creating one for various reasons. Common misconceptions include assuming that a will is unnecessary if you have few assets or believing that estate planning is only for the wealthy. However, regardless of the size of your estate, a will ensures that your wishes are honored and your loved ones are provided for according to your intentions.

Others may avoid creating a will due to discomfort with contemplating mortality or uncertainty about the process. However, with the guidance of legal professionals specializing in estate planning, creating a will can be a straightforward and empowering process. Estate planning attorneys can assist you in understanding the legal requirements, drafting a comprehensive will, and ensuring that your wishes are legally binding.

In conclusion, the decision of whether to have a will is a crucial consideration that impacts your loved ones and the legacy you leave behind. While the task of creating a will may seem daunting or uncomfortable, the benefits far outweigh any hesitation. A will provides you with the opportunity to assert control over your estate, protect your loved ones, and provide clarity during a challenging time. Ultimately, having a will empowers you to shape your legacy and ensure that your wishes are respected after your passing.

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